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## TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Department of State  
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SUBJECT: Gates of Zion Community Outreach, Inc.  
(PROPOSED CORPORATE NAME - MUST INCLUDE SUFFIX)

Enclosed are an original and one (1) copy of the articles of incorporation and a check for:

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FROM: Rev., Leonel Neptune, Registered Agent  
Name (Printed or typed)

411 TUSKEGEE DRIVE  
Address

LAKE WORTH Florida, ~~33428~~ 33462  
City, State & Zip

561- 503 9033

Daytime Telephone number

**NOTE: Please provide the original and one copy of the articles.**

**Articles of Incorporation**  
**GATES OF ZION COMMUNITY OUTREACH, INC.**

**A Non-Profit Corporation**

The undersigned, acting as incorporators of a corporation pursuant to Chapter 617, Under the NOT FOR PROFIT CORPORATION ACT of the State of Florida statutes, adopt the following Articles of Incorporation for such corporation:

**Article 1**

**NAME**

The name of this corporation, hereinafter referred to as the "Corporation" is  
Gates of Zion Community Outreach, Inc.

**Article 2**

**CORPORATION NOT FOR PROFIT**

**TAX EXEMPT STATUS**

At all times, and notwithstanding the merger, consolidation, reorganization, termination, dissolution, or winding up of this corporation, voluntary or involuntary or by operation of law.

A- This corporation shall not possess or exercise any power or authority either expressly by interpretation or by operation of law that will or might prevent it at any time from qualifying, and continuing to qualify as a corporation described in Section 501(c) (3) of the Internal Revenue code of 1954, as amended (hereafter sometimes referred to as the code", contributions to which are deductible for federal income tax purposes; nor shall it engage directly or indirectly in any activity which might cause the loss of such qualification.

B- No part of the assets or net earnings of these corporations shall ever be used, nor shall this corporation ever be organized or operated, for purposes that are not exclusively religious, charitable, scientific, literary, or educational within the meaning of section 501(c) (3) of the code.

C- This corporation shall never be operated for the primary purpose of carrying on a trade or business profit.

D- No substantial part of the activities of this corporation shall consist of carrying on propaganda or otherwise attempting to influence legislation; nor shall it participate or intervene in any manner, or to any extent, in any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office, whether by publishing or distributing statements, or otherwise.

E- At no time shall this corporation engage in any activities which are unlawful under the laws of the United States of America, the State of Florida or another jurisdiction where its activities are carried on; nor shall it engage in any transaction defined at the time as prohibited under the Internal Revenue Code of 1954.

F- No compensation, loan or other payment shall be paid or made to any officer, director, incorporation of this corporation, or substantial contributor to it, unless such payment is permissible under paragraph H of this article and except as a reasonable compensation for services

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rendered and / or as a reasonable allowance for authorized expenditures incurred on behalf of this Corporation; and no part of the assets or the earnings, current or accumulated, of this corporation shall ever be distributed to or divided among any such persons, or inure to, be used for accrue to or to the benefit of any such person or private individual( pursuant to the prohibition contained in Section 501(c) (3) of the code).

G- No solicitation of contributions to this corporation shall be made, and no gift bequest or devise to this corporation shall be accepted upon any condition or limitation which, in the opinion of the corporation, may cause the corporation to lose it's exemption from payment of federal income taxes.

H- Notwithstanding any other provisions of these articles, if at any time or times the corporation shall be a " private foundation" as defined in section 509 of the code, than during such time or times the corporation shall distribute its income for each taxable year at such time and such manner as not to subject the corporation to tax under Section 4942(d) of the code.

1. Upon the termination, dissolution or winding up of this corporation in any manner or for any reason, its assets, if any, remaining after payment (or provision for payment) for all liabilities of the corporation, shall be distributed to and only to one or more organizations described on Section 501(c) (3) of the code, and such organization or organizations shall not be "private foundations" within the meaning of the Internal Revenue Code and shall not be "publicly supported" within the meaning of that code.

2. Any references herein to any provisions of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 shall be deemed to mean such provisions as now or hereafter existing amended, supplemented, or superseded as the case may be.

### **Article 3**

#### **PERPETUAL EXISTENCE**

The period of duration of this corporation is perpetual, unless dissolved according to law. Corporate existence shall commence upon the filing of these Articles of Incorporation with the Secretary of State, State of Florida

### **Article 4**

The initial street address in the state of Florida of the initial registered office of the corporation is: 1305 Pinehurst Dr. Boynton Beach, Florida 33426

and the name of the initial registered agent at such address is: Rev.. Leonel Neptune

### **Article 5**

The Territory in which the operations of the Corporation are principally to be conducted at: Miami, State of Florida, as well as the United States of America and its territories and possessions, but the operations of the Corporation shall not be limited to such territory.

Address of Corporation : 411 Tuskegee Drive Lake Worth, Florida 33462

## **Article 6**

The number of initial directors of this Corporation shall be three (3) and the names and addresses of the initial directors are as follows:

Rev., Leonel Neptune, Chairman President      411 Tuskegee Drive Lake Worth, Florida 33462

Johnny Civil, Board Member      411 Tuskegee Drive Lake Worth, Florida 33462

Sonel Sexeus, Board Member      411 Tuskegee Drive Lake Worth, Florida 33462

Constant Lucien, Board Member      411 Tuskegee Drive Lake Worth, Florida 33462

## **Article 7**

The name(s) and address (es) of the incorporator(s) of this corporation is/are:

Rev., Onial Merceus, Chairman President      811 NW 106th Street Miami, Florida 33150

Faviola Merceus , Board Member      811 NW 106th Street Miami, Florida 33150

Jean Gardy Merceus, Board Member      811 NW 106th Street Miami, Florida 33150

## **Article 8**

### **PURPOSES**

Said organization is organized exclusively for charitable, religious, educational and scientific purpose, including, for such purposes, the making of distributions to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations under section 501 (c) ( 3 ) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code. Our specific objectives and purposes of this corporation shall be: We will serve the poor-regardless of a person's religion, race, ethnicity, or gender. As a demonstration of God's unconditional love for all people. Our goal will be to to further other charitable work, and to that end may adopt and establish bylaws and make all rules and regulations deemed necessary and expedient for the management of its affairs, in accordance with law and not inconsistent with these articles of incorporation; and, to take, manage, hold and dispose of the property, real and personal of the corporation. All activities and do any all things which are lawful for a nonprofit corporation under the laws of the state of Florida.

**FAMILY VALUES AND COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT:** The purpose for which this corporation is formed shall be educational, philanthropic and civic, to the end that the member shall become more efficient in their homes, broader in their sympathies and more forceful in raising the standard of civic morality. Our Organizational Mission is to Provide Children and families with the following Services:

- Emphasis on providing for basic needs by giving items such as food shelter and clothing to children.
- Education for the prevention of HIV/AIDS
- Referrals to necessary charitable resources.
- Educational resources and materials. Individual and Group tutoring sessions for all ages.
- Used Computer Generation hardware and software Program
- Provide informational resources about child hunger, neglect, abuse, illiteracy and homelessness
- Extracurricular activities, i.e., art, dance, sports, music, literary and health awareness.
- Parental education about caring for their child.
- After School Program
- Mentorship Programs
- Education for the prevention of HIV/AIDS
- Develop Alliances with and Provide Resources for Children's Organizations, i.e. Group and foster home living

**Our purpose is to create an environment that nurtures and encourages children to reach their full potential:**

## Article 9

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

The classes, rights, privileges, qualifications and obligations of members of this corporation are as follows:

A. The Initial Interim Board of Directors will be elected from a slate chosen by the founders and nominating committee

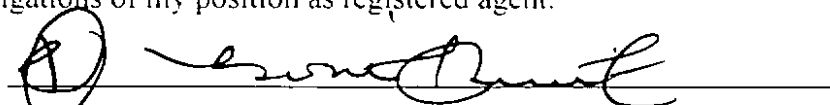
B. The management of this corporation shall be vested in a board of not less than three nor more than twenty-one directors chosen by ballot. The active boards of directors which shall organize departments and branches, and shall have supervision of all work of the corporation and shall make all contracts and leases.

C. The names and addresses of the persons who shall serve as directors until the first annual meeting of members or until their successors shall have been elected every three years and qualified, are as follows: All Board Of Directors shall be elected by ballot every Two years, cast by the active Board of Directors nominating committee at each annual meeting to serve for a period of Two years. The Board shall have the power to fill any vacancy occurring in the interim of annual meetings.

D. The control and management of the affairs of this corporation shall be vested in a board of directors or not less than three nor more than twenty-one (21

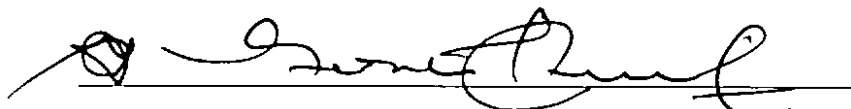
## Article 10

Having been named as Registered Agent and to accept services of process for the stated corporation at the place designated in this certificate, I hereby accept the appointment as registered agent and agree to act in this capacity. I further agree to comply with the provisions of all statutes relating to the proper and complete performance of my duties, and am familiar with and accept the obligations of my position as registered agent.



Rev., Leonel Neptune, Chairman Board/President, Registered Agent

The undersigned incorporators hereby declare under penalty of perjury that the statements made in the foregoing Articles of Incorporation are true.



Signature

Rev., Leonel Neptune, Chairman Board / President

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Signature

Johnny Civil, Board Member

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Sonel Sexeus, Board Member

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Constant Lucien, Board Member