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Department of State  
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SUBJECT: H.O.P.E for feral and Abandoned Cats Inc.  
(PROPOSED CORPORATE NAME - MUST INCLUDE SUFFIX)

Enclosed is an original and one (1) copy of the Articles of Incorporation and a check for :

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FROM: Samuel Gelabert  
Name (Printed or typed)

3105 Chalfont Ln  
Address

Tallahassee Florida 32303  
City, State & Zip

850-545-1699  
Daytime Telephone number

gelbertsamuel@gmail.com  
E-mail address: (to be used for future annual report notification)

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**Articles of Incorporation  
of**

H.O.P.E for Feral and Abandoned Cats, Inc.

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The undersigned, acting as incorporator of H.O.P.E, Inc., (the "Corporation") under the Florida Not for Profit Corporation Act, submits the following Articles of Incorporation:

**Article I. Name**

The name of the Corporation is: H.O.P.E for Feral and Abandoned Cats, Inc.

**Article II. Address**

The street address of the initial principal office and the mailing address of the Corporation are 3105 Chalfont Ln, Tallahassee. FL 32303.

**ARTICLE III. PURPOSE**

The Corporation is organized as a corporation not-for-profit, and operated exclusively for charitable purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (the "Code"), or the corresponding provisions of any future United States Internal Revenue Law. The Corporation has been created for the purpose of prevention of cruelty to animals, a recognized charitable purpose pursuant to Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. In furtherance of this purpose, the organization will provide TNR (trap, neuter, return back) services within Leon County and surrounding areas to help reduce the feral animal overpopulation problem, educate the public on socialization and handling techniques to reduce the feral animal overpopulation problem, and facilitate adoption opportunities for socialized, feral animals.

**ARTICLE IV. MANNER OF ELECTION**

Disclosed in the Bylaws

**Article V. DURATION AND COMMENCEMENT**

The Corporation will exist perpetually, commencing on the date these Articles of Incorporation are executed, unless the filing of these Articles of Incorporation occurs more than five (5) business days thereafter, in which even such existence commences on the date of filing of these Articles of Incorporation.

## **ARTICLE VI. LIMITATIONS ON CORPORATE POWERS**

- (a) No part of the net earnings of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its members, trustees, officers, or other private persons, except that the corporation shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth in this Article. All of the net earnings and assets of the Corporation shall be expended for the purposes stated in Section 501(c)(3) of the Code.
- (b) No substantial part of the activities of the corporation shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the corporation shall not participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of or in opposition to any candidate for public office.
- (c) Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, the corporation shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (i) by a corporation exempt from federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Code, or corresponding section of any future United States Internal Revenue Law, (ii) by a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under Section 170(c)(2) of the Code, or corresponding section of any future United States Internal Revenue Law, or (iii) by a corporation organized under the Florida Not For Profit Corporation Act.
- (d) Should the Corporation at any time be considered a "private foundation" under Section 509(a) of the Code, the following limitations will apply:
  - i. The Corporation will distribute its income for each tax year at such time and in such manner so that it will not become subject to the tax on undistributed income imposed by Section 4942 of the Code, or corresponding provisions of any later federal tax laws.
  - ii. The Corporation will not engage in any act of self-dealing as defined in Section 4941(d) of the Code, or corresponding provisions of any later federal tax laws.
  - iii. The Corporation will not retain any excess business holdings as defined in Section 4943(c) of the Code, or corresponding provisions of any later federal tax laws.
  - iv. The Corporation will not make any investments in a manner that would subject it to tax under Section 4944 of the Code, or corresponding provisions of any later federal tax laws.
  - v. The Corporation will not make any taxable expenditures as defined in Section 4945(d) of the Code, or corresponding provisions of any later federal tax laws.

## **ARTICLE VII. MEMBERS**

The Corporation shall not have members.

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## **ARTICLE VIII. INITIAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

All corporate powers shall be exercised by or under the authority of, and the affairs of the Corporation shall be managed under the direction of, a Board of Directors. The Corporation shall not have less than three (3) directors initially. The number of directors may be either increased or decreased from time to time, as provided in the bylaws, but will never be less than three (3). The following are the names of the initial Board of Directors:

1. Deborah Gelabert
2. Kelly Hurley
3. Raechelle Bennett

## **ARTICLE VIII. INITIAL REGISTERED OFFICE AND AGENT**

The Corporation designated 3105 Chalfont Ln, Tallahassee, FL 32303, as the street address of the initial registered office of the Corporation and names Samuel Gelabert, as the Corporation's initial registered agent at that address to accept service of process within this state.

## **ARTICLE IX. DISSOLUTION**

In the vent of the dissolution of the Corporation, the residual assets of the Corporation shall be distributed to one or more organizations that themselves are exempt from federal income taxation as organizations described within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Code, or corresponding section of any future United States Internal Revenue Law, or shall be distributed to the federal government, or to a state or local government, for a public purpose. Any such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by the Circuit Court of the County in which the principal office of the Corporation is then located, exclusively for such purposes or to such organization or organizations, as said Court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes. No part of the assets or net earnings of the Corporation may be distributed or inure to the benefit of any individual.

## **ARTICLE X. INDEMNIFICATION**

- (a) The Corporation shall indemnify any person who is or was a party to any proceeding by reason of the fact that such person is or was a director or officer of the Corporation or its subsidiaries, to the fullest extent not prohibited by law, for actions taken in the capacity of such person as a director or officer of the Corporation or its subsidiaries. To the fullest extent not prohibited by law, the Corporation shall advance indemnification expenses for actions taken in the capacity of such person as an officer or director, within twenty (20) days after receipt by the Corporation of (1) a written statement requesting such advance, (2) evidence of the expenses incurred, and (3) a written statement by or on behalf of such person agreeing to repay the advanced expenses if it is ultimately determined that such person is not entitled to be indemnified against such expenses.

- (b) The Corporation of action of its board of directors, in its sole discretion, may indemnify any person who is or was a party to any proceeding, by reason of the fact that such person is or was an employee or agent of the Corporation or its subsidiaries, to the fullest extent not prohibited by law, for actions taken in the capacity of such person as an employee or agent of the Corporation or its subsidiaries. The Corporation by action of its board of directors, in its sole discretion, may advance indemnification expenses for actions taken in the capacity of such person as an employee or agent, after receipt by the Corporation of (1) a written statement requesting such advance, (2) evidence of the expenses incurred, and (3) a written statement by or on behalf of such person agreeing to repay the advanced expenses if it is ultimately determined that such person is not entitled to be indemnified against such expenses. Absent specific action by the board of directors, the authority granted to the board of directors in this paragraph (b) shall create no rights in the persons eligible for indemnification or advancement of expenses and shall create no obligations of the Corporation relating thereto.

### **Article XI. DURATION AND COMMENCEMENT**

The Corporation will exist perpetually, commencing on the date these Articles of Incorporation are executed, unless the filing of these Articles of Incorporation occurs more than five (5) business days thereafter, in which event such existence commences on the date of filing of these Articles of Incorporation.

### **ARTICLE XII. INCORPORATOR**

The Corporations incorporator is Samuel Gelabert. The incorporator's street address is 3105 Chalfont Ln., Tallahassee, Florida 32303.

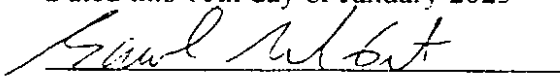
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned incorporator has executed these Articles of Incorporation as of this

  
Samuel Gelabert

### **ACCEPTANCE OF REGISTERED AGENT**

The undersigned agrees to act as registered agent for the Corporation named above, to accept service of process at the place designated in these Articles of Incorporation, and to comply with the provisions of the Florida Not for Profit Corporation Act, and acknowledges that it is familiar with, and accepts, the obligations of such position.

Dated this 10th day of January 2023

  
Samuel Gelabert