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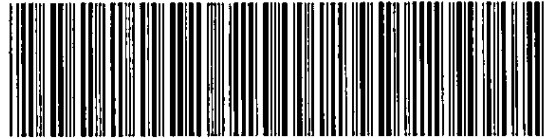
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SUBJECT: The Better Way Mentoring Legends, Inc.

(PROPOSED CORPORATE NAME – MUST INCLUDE SUFFIX)

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

☒ \$70.00
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☐ \$78.75
Filing Fee
& Certified Copy

☐ \$87.50
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& Certificate

ADDITIONAL COPY REQUIRED

FROM: Tonya Jenkins

Name (Printed or typed)

49 Seaboard Avenue

Address

Lake Wales, FL 33853

City, State & Zip

863-605-4196

Daytime Telephone number

shonrell1@gmail.com

E-mail address: (to be used for future annual report notification)

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

ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION
OF
The Better Way Mentoring Legends, Inc.

A Non Profit Corporation

The undersigned, being over the age of eighteen (18) years and competent to contract, for the purpose of organizing a Corporation not-for-profit pursuant to the laws of the **State of Florida**, does hereby adopt the following Articles of Incorporation, and does hereby agree and certify as follows:

ARTICLE I

NAME

The name of this corporation is The Better Way Mentoring Legends, Inc.

ARTICLE II

PRINCIPAL OFFICE

The physical and mailing address of the principal office of the Corporation shall be:

Physical Address:

49 Seaboard Ave
Lake Wales, FL 33853

Mailing Address:

49 Seaboard Ave
Lake Wales, FL 33853

ARTICLE III

PURPOSE AND POWERS

The primary purpose for which this Corporation is formed is to provide wrap-around services to underserved youth, adolescents, and young adults that will aid in lowering dropout rates and increase the number of of at risk graduates that pursue higher education.

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(1) The purpose for which the Corporation is organized and operated is exclusively for charitable, religious, educational, and scientific purposes, 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 the corresponding section of any future federal tax code. Such purposes shall include, but not be limited to the following:

- (a) To provide at-risk youth, adolescents and young adults with services to encourage completion of high school and pursuit of higher education.
- (b) To work with families of at-risk youth, adolescents, and young adults in order to avoid drop-out and assist with facilitating higher education opportunities.
- (c) To provide one on mentoring and group mentoring services.
- (d) To engage at risk youth, adolescents and young adults in activities to prepare them for adulthood

(2) As a means of accomplishing the above purposes and methods, the Corporation shall have the following powers:

- (a) To receive and accept gifts of money and property and to hold the same for any of the purposes of the Corporation and its work.
- (b) To raise and assist in raising funds for the purposes herein set forth, including the issuance of bonds or other instruments of credits.
- (c) To acquire, own, lease, mortgage and dispose of property both real and personal.
- (d) To accept property and donations in trust for religious or charitable purposes.

(3) The property of the Corporation is irrevocable dedicated to religious, educational and charitable purposes, and no part of the net earnings of the corporation/organization shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its members, trustees, directors, officers or other private persons, except that the corporation/organization shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of Section 501 (c)(3) purposes.

(a) No substantial part of the activities of the corporation/organization shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the corporation/organization 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.

(b) The Corporation shall not:

- (1) operate for the purpose of carrying on a trade or business for profit;
- (2) accumulate income, invest income, or divert income, in a manner endangering its exempt status; or
- (3) except to an insubstantial degree, engage in any activity or exercise any powers that are not in furtherance of the purposes of the Corporation.

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ARTICLE IV
MANNER OF ELECTION

Directors shall be elected as set forth in the Corporation's Bylaws.

ARTICLE V
INITIAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS

This Corporation shall have three (3) directors initially. The number of directors may be either increased or diminished from time to time in accordance with the Bylaws, but shall never be less than three (3). The name and street addresses of the initial directors of this Corporation are:

Tonya Jenkins – President / 49 Seaboard Ave , Lake Wales, FL 33853
Darryl Davis – Treasurer / 49 Seaboard Ave , Lake Wales, FL 33853
Whitney Merritt - Secretary/ 49 Seaboard Ave, Lake Wales, FL 33853

ARTICLE VI
INITIAL REGISTERED AGENT AND OFFICE

The name and address of the registered agent shall be as follows:

Tonya Jenkins
49 Seaboard Ave
Lake Wales, FL 33853

ARTICLE VII
INCORPORATOR

The name and street address of the Incorporator is:

Tonya Jenkins
49 seaboard Ave
Lake Wales, FL 33853

ARTICLE VIII
BYLAWS

The power to adopt, alter, amend, or repeal bylaws shall be vested in the Board of Directors.

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ARTICLE IX
INDEMNIFICATION

This Corporation may be empowered to indemnify any officer or director, or any former officer or director in the manner set out and provided for in the bylaws of this Corporation.

Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, the corporation/organization shall not carry on any other activities nor permitted to be carried on:


(1) by a corporation/organization exempt from Federal income tax under Section 501(C)(3) of the I.R.S. Code (or corresponding section of any future Federal tax code) or

(2) by a corporation/organization, contributions to which are deductible under Section 170(c)(2) of the I.R.S. Code (or corresponding section of any future Federal tax code.)

(3) Upon dissolution of this corporation/organization assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of Section 501(C)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future Federal tax code, or shall be distributed to the Federal government, or to a state or local government, for a public purpose.

ARTICLE X
AMENDMENT

This Corporation reserves the right to amend or repeal any provisions contained in these articles of incorporation, or any amendment hereto.



Tonya Jenkins President

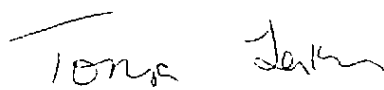
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Having been named as registered agent to accept services of process for the above-stated corporation at the place designated in this certificate, I am familiar with and accept the appointment as registered agent and agree to act in this capacity.



Tonya Jenkins President

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Date