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

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REV. DR. VICTOR HICKSON, SR.

FROM:

Name (Printed or typed)

101 S. REDLAND ROAD

Address

FLORIDA CITY, FLORIDA 33034

City, State & Zip

(786) 531-2929

Daytime Telephone number

rev.victorhickson@gmail.com

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

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#### ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF Victorious Way Community Development Corporation

The undersigned incorporator, for the purpose of forming a corporation as a Florida Not-For-Profit corporation pursuant to Chapter 617, of the Florida Statutes, hereby adopts the following Articles of Incorporation:

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# ARTICLE I - NAME

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The name of the corporation shall be:

# VICTORIOUS WAY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

#### ARTICLE II - PRINCIPAL OFFICE

The street address of the initial principal office and mailing address of this corporation shall be 101 S. Redland Road, Florida City, Florida 33034, or such other address the board of directors may from time to time designate.

#### ARTICLE III - PURPOSE

- a) The purpose of Victorious Way Community Development Corporation is (i) to provide safe, affordable, non-discriminatory, and supportive housing to low-income or otherwise disenfranchised citizens of South Miami-Dade County, and such other communities as may be decided by the board of directors and (ii) to encourage and assist in the development of self-sufficiency among poor or disadvantaged individuals or families by providing programing, resources and training, including, but not limited to, job training, job placement, land acquisition, housing, employment, literacy counseling, temporary shelter and homelessness, teenage pregnancy, foster care, substance abuse awareness and prevention, tutoring, disease awareness, mental health awareness and wellness, former felon re-entry, elderly care, and other such programming, resources, training, or housing as may be decided by the board of directors from time to time.
- b) This Corporation is organized exclusively for charitable, religious, educational, scientific, and literary 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 Service Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code.
- c) No part of the net earnings of this Corporation shall inure to the benefit of or be distributable to any member, director or officer of this Corporation, or any other private person, except that this 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 III.
- d) No substantial part of the activities of this Corporation shall be the carrying on of propaganda or otherwise attempting to influence legislation and this Corporation shall not participate in or intervene in (including the publication or distribution of statements) any political campaign on

behalf of any candidate for public office.

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- e) Notwithstanding any other provisions of these Articles of Incorporation, this Corporation shall not conduct or carry on any activities not permitted to be conducted or carried on by an organization exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code or the regulations issued thereunder, or by an organization, contributions to which are deductible under Section 170(c)(2) of such Code and regulations issued thereunder.
- f) Upon the dissolution of this Corporation, assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or 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 a court of competent jurisdiction of the county in which the principal office of this 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.

# ARTICLE IV - MANNER OF ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

The manner in which directors and officers are elected and appointed shall be in accordance with the By-Laws.

# ARTICLE V - INITIAL DIRECTOR(S) AND/OR OFFICER(S)

The corporation's initial Board of Directors shall consist of three members.

The name, title, and address of the persons appointed to act as the initial directors of the corporation are:

Rev. Dr. Victor Hickson Sr. President 9740 SW. 159 St. Miami, FL 33157

Wayman G. Bannerman Vice President 15601 SW 161 Street, Miami Fla., 33187

Wayman D. Bannerman Chairman 18452 W. Montage Ln., Northridge CA 91325

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# ARTICLE VI - INITIAL REGISTERED AGENT AND REGISTERED OFFICE ADDRESS

The name and Florida street address of the Registered Agent is:

Rev. Dr. Victor Hickson Sr. 101 S. Redland Road Miami, FL 33034 (786) 531-2929

#### **ARTICLE VII - INCORPORATOR**

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The name and street address of the Incorporator is:

Rev. Dr. Victor Hickson Sr. 101 S. Redland Road Miami, FL 33034 (786) 531-2929

#### ARTICLE VIII - POWERS

The Corporation shall have and exercise all powers provided by the laws of the State of Florida pertaining to corporations not-for-profit including, but not limited to those as provided in Section 617.0302. Florida Statutes, and future amendments, thereto, or succeeding statutes pertaining to corporations not-for-profit in the State of Florida, necessary or convenient to effect any and all of the charitable, religious, educational, scientific, and literary purposes for which this corporation is organized.

#### ARTICLE IX - INDEMNIFICATION OF CORPORATION

No Officer or Director of this corporation shall be personally liable for the debts, obligations, or liabilities of this corporation to the fullest extent permitted under Chapters 617 and 607 of the Florida Statutes.

I submit these Articles of Incorporation and affirm that the facts stated herein are true. I am aware that false information submitted in a document to the Florida Department of State constitutes a third-degree felony under Section 817. 155, F.S.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the undersigned incorporator has signed these Articles of Incorporation as of this  $\chi$  day of  $1 - b + u + \alpha + \gamma$ . 2023.

**INCORPORATOR** 

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Rev. Dr. Victor Hickson Sr.



### <u>CERTIFICATION OF DESIGNATION OF</u> REGISTERED AGENT/REGISTERED OFFICE

PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF SECTON 617.0501, FLORIDA STATUTES, THE ABOVE-STATED CORPORATION, ORGANIZED UNDER THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA. SUBMITS THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT IN DESIGNATING THE REGISTERED OFFICER/REGISTERED AGENT, IN THE STATE OF FLORIDA.

1. The name of this Corporation is:

#### VICTORIOUS WAY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

2. The name and address of the registered agent and office is:

Rev. Dr. Victor Hickson Sr. 101 S. Redland Road Miami, FL 33034 (786) 531-2929

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#### ACKNOWLEDGMENT

Having been named Registered Agent and appointed to accept Service of Process for the above stated corporation at the place designated in this certificate, the undersigned is familiar with and accepts the appointment as Registered Agent and agrees to act in this capacity.

Registered Agent

STATE OF FLORIDA

SS:COUNTY OF MIAMI-DADE

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this  $\Delta T$  day of  $feb \alpha_{\rm W} - \chi$ . 2023 by Victor Hickson Sr., as Incorporator and Victor Hickson Sr., as Registered Agent, who are personally known to me or who have produced their Florida Driver's Licenses as identification and they both did take an oath.

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