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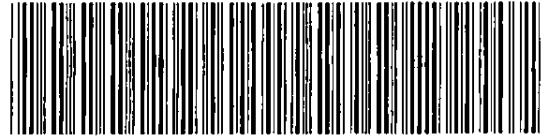
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Department of State  
Division of Corporations  
P. O. Box 6327  
Tallahassee, FL 32314

**SUBJECT:** NEW HOPE CEMETERY MARIANNA CUSTODIAN, 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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Filing Fee &  
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☐ \$78.75  
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& Certified Copy

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**ADDITIONAL COPY REQUIRED**

FROM: David H Melvin  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Name (Printed or typed)

4428 Lafayette Street  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Address

Marianna, FL 32446  
\_\_\_\_\_  
City, State & Zip

850-482-3045  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Daytime Telephone number

davidmelvin@melvineng.com

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

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

**ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION**  
**OF**  
**NEW HOPE CEMETERY MARIANNA CUSTODIAN, INC.**  
**A FLORIDA NOT FOR PROFIT CORPORATION**

The undersigned subscriber to these Articles of Incorporation, being a natural person, competent to contract, hereby forms this corporation under the laws of the State of Florida.

**ARTICLE I**  
**NAME**

The name of this Florida Not for Profit Corporation is NEW HOPE CEMETERY MARIANNA CUSTODIAN, INC.

**ARTICLE II**  
**GENERAL AND SPECIFIC PURPOSES**

- (a) The specific and primary purposes of which this corporation is formed are to:
- (i) To assure the perpetuation, maintenance and beautification of the New Hope Cemetery in Marianna, Florida.
  - (ii) To promote hearty cooperation in our service and gifts in the upkeep of the cemetery.
  - (iii) To promote the systematic maintenance and development of the New Hope Cemetery in Marianna, Florida and its improvements.

**ARTICLE III**  
**TERM OF EXISTENCE**

This corporation is to exist perpetually.

**ARTICLE IV**  
**MEMBERSHIP**

The corporation shall have a membership as provided in the By-Laws.

**ARTICLE V**  
**SUBSCRIBERS**

The name and address of the subscriber of this corporation is as follows:

**NAME**

**ADDRESS**

David H. Melvin

4428 Lafayette Street, Marianna, FL 32446

**ARTICLE VI**  
**LOCATION OF PRINCIPAL OFFICE AND**  
**IDENTIFICATION OF REGISTERED AGENT**

(a) The principal office for the transaction of the business of this corporation is to be located at 4428 Lafayette Street, Marianna, Florida 32446

(b) The name and address of the Registered Agent for this corporation is David H. Melvin, 4428 Lafayette Street, Marianna, Florida 32446.

**ARTICLE VII**  
**MANAGEMENT OF CORPORATE AFFAIRS**

Board of Trustees: The powers of this corporation shall be exercised, its priorities controlled and its affairs conducted by a board of Trustees. The corporation shall have all the powers granted to not for profit corporations under the laws of the State of Florida which are necessary or convenient to affect any and all purposes for which the corporation is organized. In no event, however, shall the corporation have or exercise any power which would cause it not to qualify as a tax-exempt organization under Section 501(c) (13) of the Internal Revenue Code. No part of the assets or the net earnings, current or accumulated of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of any private individual.

The first Board of Directors shall consist of five Trustees appointed by vote. The names and addresses of the five Trustees of the initial Board of Directors are as follows:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>
David H. Melvin	4428 Lafayette Street, Marianna, FL 32446
Nan Barfield	4647 The Oaks Drive, Marianna, FL 32446
Justin Thames	730 N Meridian St, Tallahassee, FL 32303
Jay James	3999 Old Cottondale Rd, Marianna, FL 32448
Bryce Melvin	3426 Maplewood Ct, Marianna, FL 32446

Trustees may be elected at any Board meeting by the majority vote of the existing Trustees as set forth in the By-Laws.

Corporate Officers: The board of trustees shall elect the following officers: President, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary, and such other officers as the bylaws of this corporation may authorize and trustees to elect from time to time. Initially, such officers shall be elected at the first annual meeting of the board of trustees. Until such election is held, the following persons shall serve as corporate officers.

<u>NAME</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>	<u>OFFICE</u>
David H. Melvin	4428 Lafayette Street, Marianna, FL 32446	President
Jay James	3999 Old Cottondale Rd, Marianna, FL 32448	Vice President
Bryce Melvin	3426 Maplewood Ct, Marianna, FL 32446	Treasurer/Secretary

#### **ARTICLE VIII** **BYLAWS**

Subject to the limitations contained in the bylaws, and any limitations set forth in the Corporations Not for Profit law of Florida, concerning corporate action that must be authorized or

approved by the members of the corporation, bylaws of this corporation may be made, altered, rescinded, added to, or new bylaws may be adopted, either by a resolution of the board of trustees or by following the procedure set forth therefor in the bylaws.

#### **ARTICLE IX** **DEDICATION OF ASSETS**

The property of this corporation is dedicated to charitable purposes and no part of the net income or assets of this corporation shall ever inure to the benefit of any director, officer or member thereof, or to the benefit of any private individual.

#### **ARTICLE X** **DISTRIBUTION OF ASSETS**

Upon the dissolution or winding up of this corporation, its assets remaining after payment, or provision for payment, of all debts and liabilities of the corporation, shall be distributed to a nonprofit fund, foundation or corporation which is organized and operated exclusively for religious or charitable purposes and which has established its tax exempt status under Section 501(c)(13) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, or corresponding provisions of any subsequent federal tax laws.

#### **ARTICLE XI** **AMENDMENT TO ARTICLES**

Amendments to the articles of incorporation may be proposed by the Board of Directors and shall be adopted by action of the majority vote of the directors of the New Hope Cemetery Marianna Custodian, Inc. present at any meeting of the directors; provided, however, that no amendment shall authorize the corporation or its directors to conduct the affairs of the corporation in any manner or for any purpose contrary to the provision of Section 501 (c)(13) of the Internal Revenue Code and any regulations promulgated there under. Any such amendment to these Articles of Incorporation shall be made only in accordance with the laws of the State of Florida.

I, the undersigned, being the incorporator of this corporation, and including all the persons

herein named as the subscribers of this corporation for the purpose of forming this non-profit charitable corporation under the Laws of Florida, have executed these Articles of Incorporation on July 1, 2023.



David H. Melvin  
Incorporator

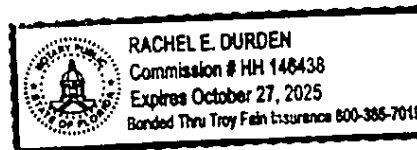
STATE OF FLORIDA  
COUNTY OF JACKSON:

I HEREBY CERTIFY that before me, the undersigned authority, personally appeared David H. Melvin, to me known to be the person described in and who executed the foregoing Articles of Incorporation, and he acknowledged before me that he subscribed to those Articles of Incorporation.

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED BEFORE ME, this the 30 day of June, 2023, by David H. Melvin, By means of physical presence, who (X) is personally known to me or ( ) who produced a valid Florida Drivers License as identification, and who did take an oath.

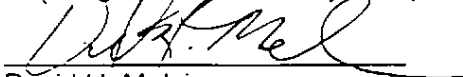


NOTARY PUBLIC  
State of Florida at Large  
My Commission Expires:



**ACCEPTANCE OF APPOINTMENT AS REGISTERED AGENT**

I, the undersigned, am familiar with and do hereby accept the position of registered agent for the New Hope Cemetery Marianna Custodian, Inc. and the obligations incurred by said position.



David H. Melvin