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NATIONAL WOMEN'S SHELTER NETWORK, INC. ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

The undersigned, for the purpose of forming a Florida not-for-profit corporation, pursuant to Chapter 617 of Florida Statutes (2023) (the "Act"), hereby adopts the following Articles of Incorporation:

ARTICLE I: NAME

The name of the newly formed corporation is National Women's Shelter Network, Inc. (hereinafter, the "Corporation").

ARTICLE II: INITIAL REGISTERED AGENT

The initial registered agent is Constance Collins, Esquire. The address and office of the registered agent is Constance Collins, Esquire, % Lotus House Women's Shelter, 217 NW 15 Street, Miami, FL 33136, Attn: Constance Collins.

ARTICLE III: INCORPORATOR

The name of the sole incorporator of the Corporation is Constance Collins with an address at 217 NW 15 Street, Miami, FL 33136.

ARTICLE IV: PRINCIPAL OFFICE AND MAILING ADDRESS

The initial principal office of the Corporation is 217 NW 15th Street, Miami, Florida 33136 and the initial mailing address of the Corporation is 3921 Alton Road, #250, Miami Beach, Florida 33140.

ARTICLE V: PURPOSE

The Corporation is organized exclusively for charitable and educational 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 of 1986, as it may be amended (the "Code"), or corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

In furtherance of the foregoing purposes, the Corporation shall have all the general powers enumerated in the Act and such other powers as are now or hereafter permitted by law for a corporation organized for the foregoing purposes including, without limitation, to act consistent with carrying out its corporate purposes and its status as an entity described in Section 501(c)(3) of the Code.

Notwithstanding any other provision of this Articles of Incorporation, the Corporation is organized exclusively for charitable and educational purposes, and intends at all times to qualify and remain qualified as exempt from federal income tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Code and, in connection therewith:

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(a) the Corporation is not formed for and shall not be conducted nor operated for pecuniary profit or financial gain, and no part of its assets, income or profit shall be distributed to or inure to the benefit of any private individual or individuals, provided that nothing herein shall prevent the Corporation from paying reasonable compensation to any person for services rendered to or for the Corporation in furtherance of one or more of its purposes:

(b) no substantial part of the activities of the Corporation shall be devoted to the carrying on of propaganda or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, except to the extent permitted by the Code whether pursuant to an election under Section 501(h) of the Code or otherwise, and no part of the activities of the Corporation shall be devoted to participating or intervening in (including the publication or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of or in opposition to any candidate for public office;

(c) the Corporation shall not engage in or include among its purposes any activities not permitted to be carried on by a corporation exempt from federal income taxation under Section 501(c)(3) of the Code or corresponding provisions of subsequent tax laws; and

(d) upon the dissolution or winding up of the Corporation, or in the event it shall cease to engage in carrying out the purposes set forth in these Articles of Incorporation, all of the business, properties, assets and income of the Corporation remaining after payment, or provision for payment, of all debts and liabilities of this Corporation, shall be distributed to an organization dedicated to advancing the status of women and children experiencing homelessness which is qualified under Section 501(c)(3) of the Code. Any such assets not disposed of shall be disposed of by a court of competent jurisdiction in the county in which the principal office of the organizations, as said court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.

ARTICLE VI: BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Corporation shall be controlled by a board of directors ("Board of Directors") consisting of at least five (5) members. The Board of Directors shall adopt bylaws setting forth the manner in which individual directors are elected, removed or replaced; provided however, in recognition of its founding contributions, the Sundari Foundation Inc., a Florida not-for-profit corporation, dba Lotus House Women's Shelter (Lotus House) shall have the unconditional, perpetual sole right to appoint, re-appoint, remove and fill vacancies for two (2) members of the Board of Directors, in its sole determination. This provision shall not be subject to amendment or repeal by the Board of Directors, without the prior written consent of Lotus House, in its sole and absolute discretion.

ARTICLE VII: MEMBERSHIP

The Corporation will not have members.

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ARTICLE VIII: EFFECTIVE DATE AND DURATION

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The effective date of the Corporation shall be the date of filing of these Articles of Incorporation with the Florida Department of State. The Corporation shall have perpetual existence.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has executed these Articles of Incorporation of the National Women's Shelter Network, Inc. on December 14, 2023.

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Constance Collins, Incorporator.

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REGISTERED AGENT'S ACCEPTANCE OF APPOINTMENT

Having been named as registered agent and to accept service of process for the above stated Corporation at the place designated in the Articles of Incorporation. 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 I am familiar with and accept the obligations of my position as registered agent for the Corporation.

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Constance Collins, as Registered Agent

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