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**ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION**  
**OF**  
**HEART STRINGS FOR HOPE, INC.**

(In compliance with Chapter 617, F.S. (Not for Profit))

**ARTICLE I. NAME**

The name of this corporation shall be HEART STRINGS FOR HOPE, INC.

**ARTICLE II. MAILING ADDRESS & PRINCIPAL OFFICE**

The principal place of business and mailing address of the corporation is 8111 18<sup>th</sup> Avenue East, Palmetto, Florida 34221.

**ARTICLE III. PURPOSE**

A. This Corporation is a not-for-profit corporation organized under Chapter 617, Florida Statutes. It is not organized for the private gain of any person. The specific purposes of this Corporation are to raise awareness for children diagnosed with cancer and to organize, coordinate and conduct efforts to allow for the Corporation to provide musical instruments to children cancer patients in order to assist them in their fight against cancer. In carrying out such purposes, the Corporation shall have the power to exercise all rights conferred by the laws of the State of Florida upon not-for-profit corporations.

B. The purposes for which HEART STRINGS FOR HOPE, INC., is organized are exclusively charitable within the meaning of § 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law.

C. Notwithstanding any other provision of these Articles of Incorporation, the Corporation shall not conduct or carry on any activities not permitted to be conducted or carried on by an organization exempt from taxation under § 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and Regulations issued pursuant thereto as they now exist or as they may hereafter be amended, or by an organization, contributions to which are deductible under § 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code and Regulations issued pursuant thereto as they now exist or as they may hereafter be amended.

D. No part of the net earnings of the Corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to, any Director of the Corporation or any member of the Corporation or any private individual (except that reasonable compensation may be paid for services rendered to or for the Corporation affecting one or more of its purposes), and no Director of the Corporation, or any

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private individual shall be entitled to share in the distribution of any of the corporate assets on dissolution of the Corporation.

E. No substantial part of the activities of the Corporations 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 publication or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office.

F. In the event of dissolution, the residual assets of the Corporation will be turned over to one or more Organizations which themselves are exempt as Organizations described in §§ 501(c)(3) and 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 or corresponding sections of any subsequent Internal Revenue Code or Regulation.

#### ARTICLE IV. BOARD OF DIRECTORS

All corporate powers shall be exercised by or under the authority of, and the business of the Corporation shall be managed under the direction of a Board of Directors. The number of the Directors on this Corporation's Board of Directors shall initially be three (3), provided, however, that the number of Directors may be increased or decreased from time to time, as provided in this Corporation's By-laws. Such Directors are to be elected or appointed in the manner provided for by the Corporation's By-laws.

#### ARTICLE V. INDEMNIFICATION

This corporation shall indemnify any officer, director, employee, or agent, and any former officer, director, employee, or agent, to the full extent permitted by law.

#### ARTICLE VI. INCORPORATOR

The name and address of the individual who shall serve as this corporation's incorporator is Jason M. DePaola, Esquire, at 1206 Manatee Avenue West, Bradenton, Florida 34205.

#### ARTICLE VII. INITIAL REGISTERED AGENT AND STREET ADDRESS

The name and address of this corporation's initial registered office shall be Jason M. DePaola, Esquire, at 1206 Manatee Avenue West, Bradenton, Florida 34205.

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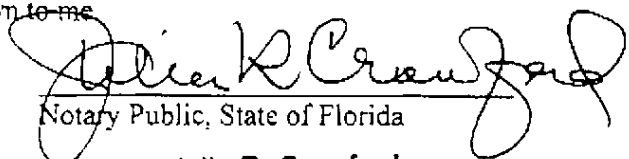
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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has signed these Articles of Incorporation on the 8<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2024.

  
Jason M. DePaola, Esquire, Incorporator

STATE OF FLORIDA  
COUNTY OF MANATEE

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this 8<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2024, by Jason M. DePaola, Esquire, designated above as the individual who shall serve as this corporation's sole incorporator, who is personally known to me.

  
Notary Public, State of Florida

Julia R. Crawford

Printed, Typed, or Stamped Name of Notary Public

My Commission Expires:  
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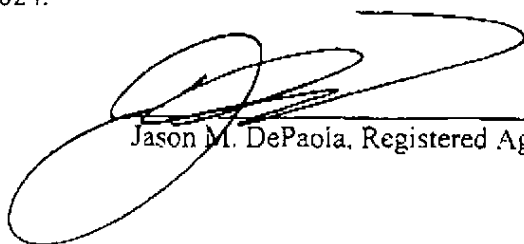
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ACCEPTANCE BY REGISTERED AGENT

The undersigned hereby accepts the appointment as Registered Agent of HEART STRINGS FOR HOPE, INC. which is contained in the foregoing Articles of Incorporation. Pursuant to § 617.0501(3), Florida Statutes, I hereby state that I am familiar with and accept the duties, obligations and responsibilities as Registered Agent for said corporation.

DATED this 8<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2024.

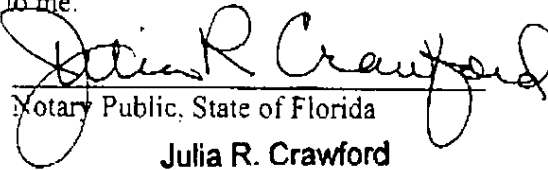
  
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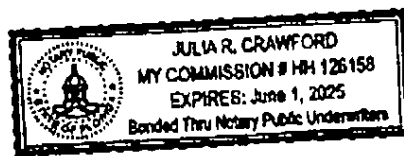
STATE OF FLORIDA  
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The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this 8<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2024, by Jason M. DePaola, Esquire, designated above as the individual who shall serve as this corporation's Registered Agent, who is personally known to me.

  
Notary Public, State of Florida  
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