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ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

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FROM THE GROUND UP FOUNDATION, INC.

The undersigned, acting as Incorporator of a corporation (the "Corporation") pursuant to the Florida Not For Profit Corporation Act codified at Chapter 617 of the torida APR -8 PH 3: 3 LAHASSEE. FL Statutes ("F.S."), adopts the following Articles of Incorporation:

ARTICLE I

Name

The name of the Corporation is From The Ground Up Foundation, Inc.

ARTICLE II

Purposes

The specific purposes for which the Corporation shall be exclusively organized and operated are the support and benefit of, and the performance and carrying out of, the charitable, educational, religious, and other exempt purposes of From The Ground Up Ministries, Inc. (the "Supported Organization"), as such purposes are described in Sections 170(c)(2)(B), 501(c)(3), 2055(a)(2), and 2522(a)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, or corresponding provisions of any subsequent federal tax laws (the "Code").

ARTICLE III

Powers

Notwithstanding any other provision of these Articles of Incorporation, neither the Board of Directors nor the Corporation shall have the power or authority to do any act that shall prevent the Corporation from being an organization described in Code sections 170(c)(2)(B), 501(c)(3), 2055(a)(2), and 2522(a)(2). Subject to the foregoing statement, and subject to and in furtherance

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of the purposes for which it is organized, the Corporation shall possess all of the rights, privileges, and powers conferred by applicable law, including the powers provided under the Florida Not-For-Profit Act, and in addition, the following rights, privileges, and powers:

Section 1. To indemnify any director, officer, employee or agent against liability and expense, and to advance the expenses incurred by such person, in connection with the defense of any threatened, pending, or completed action, suit, or proceeding, whether civil, criminal, administrative, investigative, or otherwise, and whether formal or informal, to the fullest extent permitted by applicable law, or, if not permitted, then to any extent not prohibited by such law.

Section 2. To cease its activities and to dissolve and surrender its corporate franchise.

ARTICLE IV

Period of Existence

The period during which the Corporation shall continue is perpetual.

ARTICLE V

Initial Registered Agent, Registered Office, Principal Place of Business, and Mailing Address

Section 1. The name and Florida street address of the initial registered agent in charge of the Corporation's initial registered office are as follows: Jeff Schumacher, 106 Hancock Bridge Parkway, Suite D-15 #540, Cape Coral, Florida 33991.

Section 2. The street address of the Corporation's initial registered office is 106 Hancock Bridge Parkway, Suite D-15 #540, Cape Coral, Florida 33991.

Section 3. The principal place of business and mailing address of the Corporation shall be 106 Hancock Bridge Parkway, Suite D-15 #540, Cape Coral, Florida 33991.

ARTICLE VI

Incorporator

The name and street address of the Incorporator of the Corporation are as follows: Jeff Schumacher, 106 Hancock Bridge Parkway, Suite D-15 #540, Cape Coral, Florida 33991.

ARTICLE VII

Members	TAL	024 AF	
The Corporation shall not have members or classes of members.		ў - 8	enne protei
ARTICLE VIII	SSE SSE	PH	57
Directors	STATI E. FL	မ္ဘ သ	

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The exact number of directors of the Corporation shall be specified in or fixed in

accordance with the Bylaws of the Corporation at a number no less than three (3) individuals.

ARTICLE IX

Initial Board of Directors

The initial directors of the Corporation, each of whom shall have the address of 106 Hancock Bridge Parkway, Suite D-15 #540, Cape Coral, Florida 33991, and each of whom shall have a term that extends through December 31, 2026 (and until his or her successor is appointed or elected and qualified or until his or her earlier resignation, removal from office, or death), are as follows:

Jennifer Ferri

Lisa Ballantine

Rachel Hollan

ARTICLE X

Manner of Appointment or Election of Directors

Each of the directors of the Corporation, other than the initial directors, shall be appointed or elected in the manner and for the terms as specified in or fixed in accordance with the Bylaws of the Corporation; provided, however, that at all times a majority of the Corporation's directors shall be appointed by the Board of Directors of the Supported Organization or by an authorized officer of the Supported Organization.

ARTICLE XI

No Private Inurement

None of the Corporation's net earnings shall inure to the benefit of any private individual; provided, however, that the Corporation shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the 2024 APR - 8 PM purposes set forth in these Articles of Incorporation.

es set forth in these Articles of Incorporation. <u>ARTICLE XII</u> <u>Regulation of Corporate Affairs</u> The affairs of the Corporation shall be subject to the following provisions: Section 1. Notwithstanding any other provision of these Articles of Incorporation, if for any taxable year the Corporation is deemed a "private foundation" described in Code section 509(a), the Corporation shall make distributions at such time and in such manner as not to subject the Corporation to the tax imposed by Code section 4942.

Section 2. Notwithstanding any other provision of these Articles of Incorporation, if at any time the Corporation is deemed a "private foundation" described in Code section 509(a), the Corporation shall not:

(a) Engage in any act of self-dealing as defined in Code section 4941(d), which would give rise to any liability for the tax imposed by Code section 4941(a);

(b) Retain any excess business holdings as defined in Code section 4943(c), which would give rise to any liability for the tax imposed by Code section 4943(a);

(c)Make any investment which would jeopardize the carrying out of any of its exempt purposes, within the meaning of Code section 4944, so as to give rise to any liability for the tax imposed by Code section 4944(a); or

(d) Make any taxable expenditure as defined in Code section 4945(d), which would give rise to any liability for the tax imposed by Code section 4945(a).

Section 3. Except as otherwise permitted by Code section 501(h), no substantial part of the activities of the Corporation shall be or consist of carrying on propaganda, or otherwise attempting, to influence legislation.

Section 4. The Corporation shall not participate or intervene in (including the publishing or distributing of any statements) any political campaign on behalf of or in opposition to any candidate for public office.

Section 5. Subject to the provisions of these Articles of Incorporation and applicable law, the Board of Directors shall have complete and plenary power to manage, control, and conduct the affairs of the Corporation.

Section 6. The power to make, alter, amend, and repeal the Bylaws of the Corporation shall be vested in the Board of Directors: provided, however, that (a) such power shall be exercised in a manner not inconsistent with applicable law, and (b) amendments to the Bylaws shall require the approval of the Supported Organization.

Section 7. These Articles of Incorporation may be amended upon (a) the affirmative vote of a majority of the directors of the Corporation then in office; and (b) the approval of the Supported Organization.

Section 8. No director of the Corporation shall be liable for any of the Corporation's obligations.

Section 9. Meetings of the Board of Directors may be held at any location, either inside the State of Florida or elsewhere.

Section 10. All parties dealing with the Corporation shall have the right to rely upon any action taken by the Corporation pursuant to authorization by the Board of Directors by resolution duly adopted in accordance with the Corporation's Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws and applicable law.

Section 11. The Board of Directors may from time to time, by resolution adopted by a majority of the directors then in office, designate an Executive Committee and such other committees as the Board of Directors may deem desirable for the furtherance of the purposes of the Corporation. The Board of Directors shall define the responsibilities of each such committee and delegate such power as the Board of Directors deems appropriate to the extent not inconsistent with applicable law. The quorum and voting requirements applicable to the Board of Directors also apply to committees and their members.

ARTICLE XIII

Dissolution of the Corporation

If the Corporation is dissolved, all of its property remaining after payment and discharge of its obligations shall be transferred and conveyed, subject to any contractual or legal requirements, to the Supported Organization or to one or more other organizations that has been 6 selected by the Board of Directors of the Corporation, are organized and operated for purposes substantially the same as those of the Corporation, and are exempt from the payment of federal

income tax under Code section 501(c)(3).

Having been named as registered agent to accept service 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.

OocuSigned by) cl H194D2

3/29/2024

Jeff Schumacher, Registered Agent

Date



I submit this document and affirm that the facts stated herein are true. I am aware that a person may not, in any matter within the jurisdiction of the Department of State, knowingly and willfully falsify or conceal a material fact, make any false, fictitious, or fraudulent statement or representation, or make or use any false document, and any violation constitutes <u>a third-degree</u> felony as provided for in s.817.155, F.S.

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3/29/2024

Jeff Schumacher, Incorporator

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