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nclosed is an original a	nd one (1) copy of the Ar	ticles of Incorporation and	a check for :	
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ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

OF

THE RIPPLE PROJECT, INC.

The undersigned, a natural person over the age of eighteen years, hereby certifies as follows:

ARTICLE I — NAME

The name of the corporation is THE RIPPLE PROJECT, INC., (hereinafter referred to as the "Corporation").

ARTICLE II — ADDRESS

The principal office of the Corporation is to be located at 7423 Bowling Green Drive, Tallahassee, FL 32309.

ARTICLE III — PURPOSE

Said corporation is organized exclusively for charitable, religious, educational and scientific 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, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

ARTICLE IV — NON-PROFIT NATURE

The Corporation is organized exclusively for charitable, religious, educational, and scientific purposes as specified in Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, 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, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

The Corporation shall not be conducted or operated for profit and no part of the net earnings of the Corporation shall inure to the benefit of any individual, nor shall any of the profits or assets of the Corporation be used other than for the purposes of the Corporation.

At all times the following shall operate as conditions restricting the operations and activities of the Corporation:

1. No part of the net earnings of the Corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its members, trustees, officers, or other private persons, except 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 purposes set forth in Article Third hereof.

- 2. No substantial part of the activities of the Corporation 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 publishing or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of or in opposition to any candidate for public office.
- 3. Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, the Corporation shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by a corporation exempt from federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or (b) by a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

ARTICLE V — DURATION / DISSOLUTION

The duration of the corporate existence shall be perpetual. In the event of liquidation, dissolution, or winding up of the Corporation, whether voluntary, involuntary, or by the operation of law, the property or other assets of the Corporation remaining after the payment, satisfaction, and discharge of liabilities or obligations, 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 shall 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 the 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 VI — BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Corporation shall be governed by its Board of Directors. The manner in which the Directors shall be elected is contained in the Corporation's Bylaws.

The initial directors of the corporation shall be:

Name Address

Tina DeRosa, President 7423 Bowling Green Drive, Tallahassee, Florida 32309

Arielle Cleary, Vice-President

Kacie Fischer-Lindsey, Secretary

Emily Bond, Treasurer

Katelyn Irwin. At Large Director, Founder

Ryan Kline, At Large Director

Melissa Sims, At Large Director

ARTICLE VII — MEMBERSHIP

The Corporation shall have no members. The management of the affairs of the Corporation shall be vested in the Board of Directors, as defined in the Corporation's Bylaws.

ARTICLE VIII — AMENDMENTS

Any amendment to the Articles of Incorporation may be adopted by the affirmative vote of the majority of the Directors present at any meeting of the Board of Directors at which a quorum is present.

ARTICLE IX — REGISTERED AGENT

The name and Florida street address of the Corporation's initial agent for service of process is: Nicholas D. Fugate, Nicholas D. Fugate, P.A., 414 Coldstream Drive, Tallahassee, Florida 32312.

I certify that I am familiar with and accept the responsibilities of registered agent and agree to act in this capacity.

Signature of Registered Agent:

ARTICLE X -- INCORPORATOR

The name and address of the incorporator is:

Name

Address

Nicholas D. Fugate

414 Coldstream Drive, Tallahassee, Florida 32624

Signature of Incorporator:

Date: 5/29/24

I am the incorporator submitting these Articles of Incorporation and affirm that the facts stated herein are true. I am aware that false information in a document to the Department of State constitutes a third-degree felony as provided for in F.S. s.817.155. I understand the requirement to file an annual report between January 1st and May 1st in the calendar year following formation of this corporation and every year thereafter to maintain "active" status.

The effective date for this corporation shall be the Date of Filing.