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## ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

OF

## VATTIKUTI CHARITABLE INSTITUTE, INC.

THE UNDERSIGNED INCORPORATOR, for the purpose of forming a not for profit corporation pursuant to the Florida Not For Profit Corporation Act, states as follows:

FIRST: The name of the Corporation is "Vattikuti Charitable Institute, Inc."

SECOND: The Corporation shall have no members.

THIRD: The Corporation's principal place of business is c/o Akerman LLP, 98 SE Seventh Street, Suite 1100, Miami, Florida 33131.

FOURTH: The Corporation shall be organized and operated exclusively for religious, charitable, scientific, literary, educational, and other charitable purposes within the meaning of § 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as now in effect or as may hereafter be amended ("the Code"), including, for such purposes, the making of distributions to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations under Code section 501(c)(3).

In furtherance of its corporate purposes, the Corporation shall have all the powers enumerated in Fla. Stat. § 617.0302, as now in effect or as may hereafter be amended, together with the power to solicit and receive grants and contributions for such purposes.

FIFTII: The initial three (3) directors of the Corporation shall be elected by the Incorporator, which initial three (3) directors shall complete the organization of the Corporation. The manner in which any and all successor directors of the Corporation are elected will be as stated in the Corporation's Bylaws.

SIXTH: Except as otherwise provided by law, or in the Bylaws of the Corporation, the business of the Corporation shall be managed by and all of the powers of the Corporation shall be exercised by the Board of Directors of the Corporation.

SEVENTH: The name of the initial registered agent of the Corporation is C T Corporation System, whose office is at 1200 South Pine Island Road, Plantation, Florida 33324. As required by Fla. Stat. § 617.0501, C T Corporation System's signature accepting the appointment is below.

Having been named as registered agent to accept service of process for the above? Having been named as registered agent to accept service of process, stated corporation at the place designated in this certificate, I am familiar with and or the capacity. accept the appointment as registered agent and agree to act in this capacity.

Stephanie Hencz Stephanie Hencz, Assistant Secretary
Signature of Registered Agent

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EIGHTH: No part of the net earnings of the Corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to any director or officer of the Corporation, or any other private person, except that the Corporation shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered to or for the Corporation and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth in Article FOURTH above.

No substantial part of the activities of the Corporation shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation (except as otherwise permitted by § 501(h) of the Code), 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.

During such period, or periods, of time as the Corporation is treated as a "private foundation" pursuant to § 509 of the Code, the directors must distribute the Corporation's income at such time and in such manner so as not to subject the Corporation to tax under § 4942 of the Code, and the Corporation is prohibited from engaging in any act of self-dealing (as defined in § 4941(d) of the Code), from retaining any excess business holdings (as defined in § 4943(e) of the Code) which would subject the Corporation to tax under § 4943 of the Code, from making any investments or otherwise acquiring assets in such manner so as to subject the Corporation to tax under § 4944 of the Code, from retaining any assets which would subject the Corporation to tax under § 4944 of the Code if the directors have acquired such assets, and from making any taxable expenditures (as defined in § 4945(d) of the Code).

Notwithstanding any other provision of these Articles of Incorporation, the Corporation shall not directly or indirectly 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 Code, or (b) by a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under § 170(c)(2) of the Code.

NINTH: In the event of dissolution or final liquidation of the Corporation, all of the remaining assets and property of the Corporation shall, after paying or making provision for the payment of all of the liabilities and obligations of the Corporation and for any necessary accompanying expenses, be distributed to such organization or organizations organized and operated exclusively for religious, charitable, scientific, literary, or educational purposes as shall at the time qualify as an exempt organization or organizations under § 501(c)(3) of the Code, or to the federal government or to a state or local government for a public purpose, as the Board of Directors shall determine. 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. In no event may any of such assets or property be distributed to any director or officer, or any private individual.

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TENTH: The Corporation must indemnify its directors and officers to the fullest extent permitted by law, including but not limited to, as described in Fla. Stat. §§ 607.0850-607.0859, provided,

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however, that the Corporation will not provide indemnification where it is inconsistent with any provision of the Code applicable to corporations described in Code § 501(c)(3).

ELEVENTH: The incorporator is Joseph G. Cosby, whose address is Butzel Long PLLC, 1909 K Street NW, Suite 860, Washington, D.C. 20006.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has executed these Articles of Incorporation this 24th day of July, 2024.

Incorporator

JOSEPH G COSBY

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