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Enclosed is an original	and one (1) copy of the Ar	ticles of Incorporation and	a check for:
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FROM:	Delescia Kimbrough		

100 S. Ashley Dr. Suite #600

Tampa, FL 33602

229-946-0896

Daytime Telephone number
hello@mercyhousing.co

E-mail address: (to be used for future annual report notification)

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## **ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF**

#### THE MERCY NETWORK INC.

The undersigned, DELESCIA KIMBROUGH who is a natural person, being desirous of forming a non-profit corporation for the purposes hereinafter stated, under the 2024 Florida Statutes. Chapter 617, does hereby adopt these Articles of Incorporation.

#### **ARTICLE I - CORPORATE NAME**

The name of the corporation shall be and is THE MERCY NETWORK INC.

#### **ARTICLE II - DURATION**

THE MERCY NETWORK INC. (hereinafter referred to as the "Corporation") shall have perpetual succession and shall exist until it is dissolved pursuant to law.

#### **ARTICLE III - PURPOSE**

The Corporation is organized exclusively for charitable, scientific, and educational purposes; pursuant to Section 50l(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, and its successors, and regulations issued thereunder, including but not limited to providing shelter and resources to veterans, pregnant women, and other displaced individuals.

#### **ARTICLE IV - POWERS**

The Corporation shall have such powers as are prescribed by the 2024 Florida Statutes. Chapter 617, as amended, and may perform any acts permitted thereby, including, but not limited to:

- (a) The Corporation shall receive and administer funds for scientific, educational and charitable purposes, within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, and its successors, and regulations issued thereunder, and in connection therewith, the Corporation shall take and hold by bequest, devise, gift, grant, purchase, lease or otherwise any property, real, personal, tangible or intangible, or any undivided interest therein, without limitation as to the amount or value.
- (b) The Corporation shall have the power to sell, convey and otherwise dispose of any such property and to invest, reinvest, or deal with the principal or income thereof in such manner as, in the judgment of the Directors, will best promote the purposes of the Corporation without limitation, except such limitations, if any, as may be contained in the instrument under which such property is received, these Articles of Incorporation, the Bylaws of the Corporation, or any laws applicable thereto. The Corporation shall have the power to do any other act or thing incidental to or connected with the foregoing purposes or in advancement thereof, but not for the pecuniary profit or financial gain of its Directors or officers.

#### **ARTICLE V - LIMITATIONS**

Notwithstanding any of the provisions of these Articles, the Corporation shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on by a corporation exempt from federal income tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, or its successor, including but not limited to:

- (a) No part of the net earnings of the Corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to, its incorporators, directors, officers, benefactors, or other private persons, except that the Corporation shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payment and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth herein.
- (b) 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 any candidate for public office.
- (c) No incorporator, director, officer, benefactor, or any other private individual shall be entitled to share in the distribution of any of the corporate assets on dissolution of the Corporation.
- (d) No gift or grant will be accepted if it contains major conditions which would restrict or violate any of the charitable, educational, or scientific purposes or if it would require serving a private as opposed to public interest.

#### **ARTICLE VI - MEMBERS**

The Corporation shall have no members.

## ARTICLE VII - INITIAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS

The number of directors constituting the initial Board of Directors of the Corporation shall be three (3) directors. The names and addresses of the persons who are to serve as the initial directors, and officers, of the Corporation are as follows:

Delescia Kimbrough	Director/President	7901 4th St N. STE 300, St. Petersburg, FL 33702
Yakira Kennedy	Director/Treasurer	7901 4th St N. STE 300, St. Petersburg, FL 33702
Brianna Moseley	Director/Secretary	7901 4th St N. STE 300, St. Petersburg, FL 33702

The powers and duties, number, qualifications, terms of office, manner of election, time and criteria for removal of directors and officers shall be as set forth in the Bylaws of the Corporation.

## **ARTICLE VIII - LIABILITY**

Provisions regarding the indemnification of directors may be set forth in the Bylaws of the Corporation.

#### **ARTICLE IX - PLACE OF BUSINESS AND MAILING ADDRESS**

The principal place of business shall be 7901 4th St N. STE 300, St. Petersburg, FL 33702 and the mailing address of the Corporation shall be 100 S. Ashley Dr. Suite 600, Tampa, FL 33602, or such other locations as the Board of Directors shall from time to time designate.

## **ARTICLE X - REGISTERED OFFICE AND AGENT**

The initial registered office of the Corporation shall be 7901 4th St N. STE 300, St. Petersburg, FL 33702, and its initial registered agent at said address shall be David Roberts of Registered Agents Inc.

#### **ARTICLE XI - AMENDMENT**

These Articles may not be altered or amended without the affirmative vote of a majority of all Directors of the Corporation.

#### **ARTICLE XII - BYLAWS**

Bylaws of the Corporation may be adopted by the Board of Directors at any regular meeting or any special meeting called for that purpose, so long as they are not inconsistent with the provisions of these Articles. The authority to make, after, amend or repeal bylaws is vested in the Board of Directors and may be exercised at any regular or special meeting of the Board of Directors.

## **ARTICLE XIII - DISSOLUTION**

Upon the winding up and dissolution of the Corporation, the assets of the Corporation remaining after payment of, or provision for payment of, all debts and liabilities of the Corporation, shall be distributed to an organization or organizations, as determined by the Board of Directors, recognized as exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the Code or any successor provision, and used exclusively to accomplish the purposes for which this Corporation is organized.

#### **ARTICLE XIV - INCORPORATOR**

The name and address of the incorporator of the Corporation is as follows:

Delescia Kimbrough

7901 4th St N. STE 300, St. Petersburg, FL 33702

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

David Roberts

Printed Name of Registered Agent

Required Signature of Registered Agent

Date

08/15/2024

I submit this document and affirm that the facts stated herein are true. I am aware that any false information submitted in a document to the Department of State constitutes a third degree felony as provided for in s.817.155, F.S.

Delescia Kimbrough

Printed Name of Incorporator

Required Signature of Incorporator

Date

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