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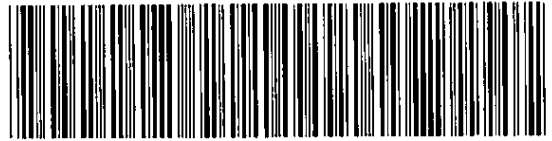
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## COVER LETTER

Department of State  
Division of Corporations  
P. O. Box 6327  
Tallahassee, FL 32314

**SUBJECT:** BODHICITTA MONASTERY, INC.

(PROPOSED CORPORATE NAME - MUST INCLUDE SUFFIX)

Enclosed is an original and one (1) copy of the Articles of Incorporation and a check for :

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☐ \$78.75  
Filing Fee  
& Certified Copy

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**ADDITIONAL COPY REQUIRED**

**FROM:** DANG VAN NGUYEN  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Name (Printed or typed)

5002 Balmer St. Lehigh Acres, Florida 33971  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Address

Lehigh Acres, Florida 33971  
\_\_\_\_\_  
City, State & Zip

941-321-3508  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Daytime Telephone number

tvbodetam@gmail.com  
\_\_\_\_\_  
E-mail address: (to be used for future annual report notification)

**NOTE: Please provide the original and one copy of the articles.**

**ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION  
OF  
BODHICITTA MONASTERY, INC.**

**A NON-PROFIT RELIGIOUS CORPORATION**  
In compliance with Chapter 617, F.S., (Not for Profit)

**ARTICLE 1: Name**

The name of this corporation is:

**Bodhicitta Monastery, Inc.**

**ARTICLE 2: Principal Office**

The street address of its principal office is as follows:

**6450 Eastwood Acres Rd.  
Fort Myers, FL 33905**

**ARTICLE 3: Purpose**

The specific purposes for which this corporation is organized are: to establish a place of worship, study, and practice Buddhism for Buddhist members and non-members; to offer meditation and religious retreats for practitioners; to proliferate the teachings of the Buddha; to practice a life style of compassionate non-violence, of mindful consciousness as the underlying foundation for the spiritual and insightful life of the Buddhists; to maintain the Vietnamese traditional culture and high moral standards for the Vietnamese, in concert with the other cultures; to promote and encourage the practice of the five mindfulness trainings, not to kill, not to steal, not to engage in sexual misconduct, not to lie, not to partake in substance abuse, in order to build happiness and peace for the individuals, the family, and society.

This corporation is organized exclusively for one or more of the 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 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future tax code.

**ARTICLE 4: Manner of Election**

The method of election of directors is as stated in the bylaws.

#### **ARTILCE 5: Initial Officers and/or Directors**

The minimum number of initial directors constituting the initial Board of Directors of this corporation is 3, and the names and addresses of the directors and/or Offices are as follows:

1. Nguyen Van  
Director, Chairman of the Board and President  
14671 SW 39<sup>th</sup> Ct., Miramar, Florida 33027
2. Dang Van Nguyen  
Director and Secretary  
5002 Balmer St., Lehigh Acres, Florida 33971
3. Hoang Van  
Director and Treasurer  
3190 Birchlin Lane, Fort Myers, Florida 33916

#### **ARTICLE 6: Registered Agent**

The name and Florida's street address of the initial Registered Agent of this corporation is:

Dang Van Nguyen  
Director and Secretary  
5002 Balmer St.  
Lehigh Acres, Florida 33971

#### **ARTICLE 7: Incorporator**

The name and street address of the Incorporator of this corporation is as follows:

Dang Van Nguyen  
Director and Secretary  
5002 Balmer St.  
Lehigh Acres, Florida 33971

#### **ARTICLE 8: Term of Existence**

This corporation shall have perpetual existence.

#### **ARTICLE 9: Members**

This corporation is to have members and will operate as stated in the BY-LAWS of this corporation.

#### **ARTICLE 10: Liabilities for Debts**

Neither the members nor the members of the Board of Directors or officers of the Corporation shall be liable for the debts of the Corporation.

#### **ARTICLE 11: Prohibitions**

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 these Articles.

No substantial part of the activities of the Bodhicitta Monastery, Inc. shall be 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.

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 12: Dissolution**

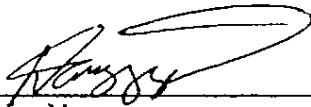
Upon the dissolution of this corporation, its assets remaining after payment, or provision for payment, of all debts and liabilities of this corporation shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code or shall be distributed to the federal government, or to a state or local government, for a public purpose.

#### **ARTICLE 13: Effective Date**

The incorporation of this corporation shall become effective on:


Oct 15<sup>th</sup> of the year 2024 (10/15/2024)

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.

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Dang Van Nguyen  
Registered Agent

10/1/2024  
Date

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.

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Dang Van Nguyen  
Incorporator

10/1/2024  
Date