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**DOMESTICATION**

**Stronghold Freedom Foundation, Inc**

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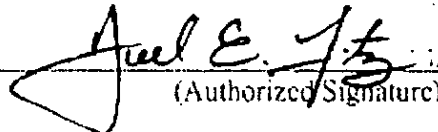
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CERTIFICATE OF DOMESTICATION**

The undersigned, Joel Fitz (Name) Director (Title)  
of Stronghold Freedom Foundation (Corporation Name) a foreign Corporation  
in accordance with section 617.1803, Florida Statutes, does hereby certify:

1. The date on which corporation was first formed was Feb. 5, 2020
2. The jurisdiction where the above named corporation was first formed, incorporated, or otherwise came into being was Arizona
3. The name of the corporation immediately prior to the filing of this Certificate of Domestication was Stronghold Freedom Foundation
4. The name of the corporation, as set forth in its articles of incorporation, to be filed pursuant to s. 617.01201 and 617.0202 with this certificate is Stronghold Freedom Foundation Inc
5. The jurisdiction that constituted the seat, siege social, or principal place of business or central administration of the corporation, or any other equivalent jurisdiction under applicable law, immediately before the filing of the Certificate of Domestication was Arizona
6. Attached are Florida articles of incorporation to complete the domestication requirements pursuant to s. 617.1803.

I am Director of Stronghold Freedom Foundation

and am authorized to sign this Certificate of Domestication on behalf of the corporation and have done,  
so this the 28 day of October, 2024

  
(Authorized Signature)

Filing Fee:	
Certificate of Domestication	\$50.00
Articles of Incorporation and Certified Copy	<u>\$78.75</u>
Total to domesticate and file	<u>\$128.75</u>

**ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION**  
In compliance with Chapter 617, F.S. (Not for Profit)

**ARTICLE I NAME**

The name of the corporation shall be:

Stronghold Freedom Foundation Inc

**ARTICLE II PRINCIPAL OFFICE**

The principal place of business/mailling address shall be:

Principal Address

Mailing Address

7901 4th St N STE 300

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St. Petersburg, FL 33702

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**ARTICLE III PURPOSE**

The purpose for which the corporation is organized:

To serve all veterans who were deployed to or transited Karshi Khanabad Air Base,

Uzbekistan (K2) during Operation Enduring Freedom. These veterans were exposed to  
multiple toxic substances and radiation hazards while deployed in service to our Nation.

We promise to advocate for their sacrifice, their recognition, their care, and the care of their families.

Please see additional attached page

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**ARTICLE IV MANNER OF ELECTION**

The manner in which the directors are elected or appointed:

In accordance with our Bylaws, nominees are voted on and elected at each annual meeting

of the Board, unless a special meeting is expressly called to fill a vacancy.

**ARTICLE V INITIAL DIRECTORS AND/ OR OFFICERS**

The name(s) and address(es) and specific title(s):

Title/Name

Matthew Erpelding-Executive Director/President

7901 4th St N STE 300

St. Petersburg FL 33702

Title/Name

Mark Jackson- Director

7901 4th St N STE 300

St. Petersburg FL 33702

Title/Name

Steven Nelson - Director

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Title/Name

Natalie White - Dep. Executive Director/Vice-President

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Title/Name

Kim Brooks - Director

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St. Petersburg FL 33702

Title/Name

Daryl Riddle - Director

7901 4th St N STE 300

St. Petersburg FL 33702

**ARTICLE VI INITIAL REGISTERED AGENT AND STREET ADDRESS**

The **name and Florida street address** (P.O. Box NOT acceptable) of the registered agent is:

Northwest Registered Agent LLC

7901 4th St N STE 300

St. Petersburg FL 33702

**ARTICLE VII INCORPORATOR**

The **name and address** of the incorporator is:

Northwest Registered Agent LLC

7901 4th St N STE 300

St. Petersburg FL 33702

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Having been named as registered agent and 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.

*For NW*

Signature/Registered Agent

10/28/2024

Date

*W. Smith*

10/28/2024

Date

Signature/Incorporator

ADDITIONAL OFFICER INFORMATION:

Title/Name

Joel Fitz - Director

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*[Purpose Section:]* This corporation is organized exclusively for charitable, religious, educational, and scientific purposes, including, for such purposes, the making of distributions to other similar organizations that qualify as tax-exempt organizations under the federal tax code.

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, besides the payment of 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 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), or contribute organization proceeds to 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 the federal tax code, or (b) by a corporation whose contributions to which are deductible under applicable provisions of the federal tax code.

*[Distribution of Assets Section:]* Upon the dissolution of the corporation, assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of the applicable provisions of the federal tax code, or shall be distributed for a public purpose to the federal, state, or local government. Any such remaining assets 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(s), as said Court shall determine.

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