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# ARTICLES OF AMENDMENT AND RESTATEMENT OF ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF THE MERRITT ISLAND, FLORIDA AUG 13 PM 4: 45 CONGREGATION OF JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES, INC.

**DOCUMENT NUMBER N25247** 

SEURETARY OF STATE TALLAHASSEE FLORIDA

Pursuant to the provisions of Florida Statutes Section 617.1006, this Florida Non-Profit Corporation adopts the following amendments to its Articles of Incorporation, and restates the following:

### **ARTICLE I**

The name of this Corporation is MERRITT ISLAND, FLORIDA CONGREGATION OF JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES, INC. The principal place of business and mailing address of the Corporation is 520 South Plumosa Street, Merritt Island, FL 32952, and the current mailing address is 1994 East Philips Court, Merritt Island, FL 32952.

### **ARTICLE II**

The duration of the Corporation shall be perpetual.

### **ARTICLE III**

The purposes for which the Corporation is formed are religious and specifically (1) to provide and maintain a proper place of worship for the benefit of Jehovah's Witnesses in and around the State of Florida and those who desire to attend such worship conducted by Jehovah's Witnesses in order to learn the truths of the faith and beliefs of Jehovah's Witnesses, which are based upon the Bible, the written word of Almighty God, Jehovah; and (2) to acquire by gift, legacy, bequest, purchase, or lease; hold and manage; and/or mortgage, sell, convey, or otherwise dispose of real estate and personal property in any lawful manner that may seem proper and best to provide and maintain such place of worship.

### **ARTICLE IV**

The corporation shall have members. The number of members, members' qualifications, and other matters pertaining to members shall be as provided in the bylaws.

### ARTICLE V

The property of this Corporation is irrevocably dedicated to religious purposes, and no part of the net earnings or assets of this Corporation shall inure to the benefit of a director, officer, or member of the Corporation or any private individual. No substantial part of the activities of this Corporation shall consist of the carrying on of propaganda or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, nor shall this Corporation participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distributing of statements), any political campaign on behalf of (or

in opposition to) any candidate for public office. This Corporation is organized exclusively for religious purposes within the meaning of Internal Revenue Code Section 501(c)(3). Notwithstanding any other provisions of these Articles, the Corporation shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (1) by a corporation exempt from federal income tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (or the corresponding provisions of any future United States tax code) or (2) by a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under Section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States tax code).

### **ARTICLE VI**

Upon the winding up and dissolution of this Corporation, after paying or adequately providing for debts and obligations of the Corporation, the remaining assets shall be distributed to Watchtower Bible and Tract Society of New York, Inc. No assets will be deemed to be received by Watchtower Bible and Tract Society of New York, Inc., until such acceptance is evidenced in writing. If Watchtower Bible and Tract Society of New York, Inc., is not then in existence and exempt from federal income tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States tax code), then said assets shall be distributed to any organization designated by the ecclesiastical governing Body of Jehovah's Witnesses that is organized and operated for religious purposes and is a corporation exempt from federal income tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (or the corresponding section of any future United States tax code).

### ARTICLE VII

A. The number of directors shall be three. The names and addresses of the directors are:

D Spillers, Roger D. 1994 East Philips Court Merritt Island, FL 32952

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Decker, Jerry D.
5417 Royal Paddock Way
Merritt Island, FL 32953

D Herrick, Ron C. 1015 Loring Drive #B Merritt Island, FL 32953

B. Directors' qualifications, the manner of electing directors and other matters pertaining to directors shall be as provided in the bylaws.

C. To the extent permitted by law, no director, officer, or member of the Corporation shall be personally liable for any debts, liabilities, or obligations of the Corporation.

## **ARTICLE VIII**

The address of the initial Registered Office of the Corporation and the name of the initial Registered Agent at that address are the same as follows:

Spillers, Roger D.

1994 East Philips Court

Merritt Island, FL 32952

### ARTICLE IX

The name and address of the incorporator to these articles are:

Spillers, Roger D.

1994 East Philips Court

Merritt Island, FL 32952

### ADOPTION OF AMENDMENTS AND RESTATEMENTS

The foregoing amendments to, and restatements of to the Articles of Incorporation of the Merritt Island, Florida Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses, Inc., were hereafter adopted by the Directors and members. The number of votes cast was sufficient for approval of said amendments. The amended and restated Articles are hereby ratified and approved.

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DATED this	1	day of August, 2012

MERRITT ISLAND, FLORIDA CONGREGATION OF JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES, INC.

Roger D. Spillers, Director

Jerry D. Decker, Director

Ron C. Herrick, Director