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**EAST RIDGE CONGREGATION OF JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES,
SARASOTA, FLORIDA, INC.**

5250 Proctor Road
Sarasota, Florida 34233

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Re: Amendment of Articles of Incorporation

To Whom This May Concern:

Enclosed please find an original and one copy of the Amendment of Articles of Incorporation for East Ridge Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses, Sarasota, Florida, Inc., a Florida nonprofit corporation.


Also enclosed find our check in the amount of \$43.75, which covers the filing fee for the Articles of Amendment, as well as a Certificate of Status.

Please return the Certificate to: Kenneth Emshoff
4481 Baccharis Way
Sarasota, FL 34241

Should you have any questions regarding this letter or the Articles of Amendment, please phone (941)924-6906. Your attention to this matter is appreciated.

Sincerely,

East Ridge Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses,
Sarasota, Florida, Inc.


Kenneth Emshoff, Director

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Enclosures

Amend.

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ARTICLES OF AMENDMENT
to
ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION
of
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Pursuant to the provisions of section 617.1006, Florida Statutes, the undersigned Florida nonprofit corporation adopts the following articles of amendment to its articles of incorporation.

FIRST: Amendments adopted:

Article III of the Articles of Incorporation is amended to state that:

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 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 provision 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).

Also, Article VIII is added to state that:

Upon winding up and dissolution of this Corporation after paying or adequately providing for the 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 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).

SECOND: The date of adoption of the amendments was: May 1, 2001.

THIRD: Adoption of Amendment:

There are no members or members entitled to vote on the amendments. The amendments were adopted by the Board of Directors.

East Ridge Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses, Sarasota, Florida, Inc.


Signature

KENNETH EMSHOFF
Printed Name

DIRECTOR 5/8/01
Title Date