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SUBJECT: ISKCON PRISON MINISTRY, INC.

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

\$78.75 for
Filing Fee - \$35.00
Registered Agent Designation - \$35.00
Certificate of Status - \$8.75

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SECRETARY OF STATE
TAIL AHASSEE, FLORIDA

From:

Ronald G. Pointer 20329 NW 78th Avenue Alachua, Florida 32615 904-462-0618

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## Articles of Incorporation of

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ISKCON Prison Ministry, Inc.

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The undersigned, acting as incorporator of a composition formed pursuant to Chapter 617, Florida Statutes, adopts the following Articles of Incorporation of such Corporation.

### Article I Name

The name of the Corporation shall be ISKCON Prison Ministry, Inc.

#### Article II

Principal Place of Business and Mailing Address
The principal place of business of this Corporation shall be

20329 NW 78th Avenue
Alachua, Florida 32615

### Article III Purposes

The Corporation is organized exclusively for charitable, religious, educational and scientific purposes, including for such purposes, the making of distributions to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future tax code.

The Corporation shall be organized to establish and operate a ministry for the spiritual, moral and religious benefit and upliftment of the prison population of United States and their families. To achieve its purposes, the ministry may offer pastoral services, performance of rites and rituals and all kinds of education and training in the principles and practices of the Gaudiya Vaishnava religious tradition as revealed by its acaryas in disciplic succession culminating in the teachings and personal example of His Divine Grace A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada, the Founder-Acarya of The International Society for Krishna Consciousness (ISKCON), a generally recognized religious denomination.

### Article IV Additional Purposes

The Corporation shall further be organized for the following purposes:

1) To systematically propagate spiritual knowledge to the inmate community at large and to educate inmates in the techniques of

spiritual life in order to check the imbalance of values in society and achieve real unity and peace in the world.

2) To propagate a consciousness of Krishna in the prison environment, as it is revealed in the Bhagavad-gita and Srimad-Bhagavatam.

- 3) To bring the inmates nearer to Krishna, the Prime Entity, thus to develop the idea within the inmates, that each soul is part and parcel of the quality of Godhead (Krishna).
- 4) To teach and encourage the Sankirtana movement, congregational chanting of the holy name of God as revealed in the teachings of Lord Sri Caitanya Mahaprabhu.
- 5) To establish for the inmates, a holy place of transcendental pastimes within the institutions, dedicated to the Personality of Krishna.
- 6) To provide pastoral visits to inmates for the purpose of teaching a simpler and more natural way of life.
- 7) With a view towards achieving the aforementioned Purposes, to publish and distribute periodicals, magazines, books and other writings.
- 8) To receive, administer and distribute funds, and to do all other things necessary and proper in furtherance of the above stated purposes.

In offering its services, ISKCON Prison Ministry, Inc. shall not discriminate against any inmate on the basis of race, color, national and ethnic origin.

### Article V Limitation of Corporate Powers

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 distributable 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) of 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.

Further, that subject only to the limitations stated in this Article, the Corporation shall be allowed to engage in any lawful act or activity for which corporations may be organized pursuant to Chapter 617, Florida Statutes.

### Article VI Distribution of Assets Upon Dissolution

Upon the dissolution of the Corporation, the Board of Directors of the Corporation shall, after paying or making provision for the payment of all of the liabilities of the Corporation, dispose of all of the assets of the Corporation exclusively to other educational institutes or schools within the International Society for Krishna Consciousness, in accord with the educational and religious purposes of the Corporation, in a manner determined by the Directors.

Any such assets not so disposed of 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 or organizations, as said Court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.

### Article VII Incorporator

The name and address of the incorporator is

Ronald G. Pointer 20329 NW 78th Avenue Alachua, Florida 32615

### Article VIII Initial Directors

The names and addresses of the initial directors of the Corporation are

Ronald G. Pointer 20329 NW 78th Avenue Alachua, Florida 32615

Christopher J. Myers 17357 E. Adriatic Place, V-108 Aurora, Colorado 80013 Tim C. Knighten Jr. 6015 NW 218th Avenue Lacrosse, Florida 32658

### Article IX Initial Registered Agent

The name and address in the State of Florida of this Corporation's registered agent is

Ronald G. Pointer 20329 NW 78th Avenue Alachua, Florida 32615

#### Article X Members

The Corporation shall have no members. However, any action which would otherwise, under law or the provisions of the Articles of Incorporation or Bylaws of the Corporation, require approval by a majority of all members or approval by members, shall require the approval of the Board of Directors.

Furthermore, all rights which would otherwise vest in the members under law, the Articles of Incorporation or the Bylaws of this Corporation, shall vest in the Directors of the Corporation.

#### Article XI

### Manner of Election of Directors and Corporate Governance

The manner of selection of officers and directors of the Corporation and any and all rules and regulations as shall be deemed necessary for carrying out the purposes of the Corporation shall be stated in the Bylaws of the Corporation.

### Article XII Bylaws

The Bylaws of the Corporation shall be made, altered or rescinded by the Board of Directors.

| The       | undersigned | incorporator | has | executed | these | Articles | of |
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| Incorpora | tion this   | 8            | day | of Mar   | ch    | 1998.    |    |

Ronald G. Pointer, Incorporator

### CERTIFICATE OF DESIGNATION OF REGISTERED AGENT/REGISTERED OFFICE

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PURSUANT TO THE PROVISION OF SECTION 607.0501, FLORIDA STATUTES OF STATE THE UNDERSIGNED CORPORATION, ORGANIZED UNDER THE LAWS OF THE ASSEE. FLORIDA STATE OF FLORIDA, SUBMITS THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT IN DESIGNATING THE REGISTERED OFFICE/REGISTERED AGENT, IN THE STATE OF FLORIDA.

The name of the corporation is

ISKCON Prison Ministry, Inc. 20329 NW 78th Avenue Alachua, Florida 32615

2. The name and address of the registered agent and office is

Ronald G. Pointer 20329 NW 78th Avenue Alachua, Florida 32615

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 hereby accept the appointment as registered agent and agree to act in this capacity. I further agree to comply with the provisions of all statutes relating to the proper and complete performance of my duties, and I am familiar with and accept the obligations of my position as registered agent.

Ronald G. Pointer

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Date