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SUBJECT: Tallahassee, C.A.R.E.S., Ministries, Inc.
(Proposed corporate name - must include suffix)

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

☐ \$70.00
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☐ \$78.75
Filing Fee &
Certificate of
Status

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Filing Fee
& Certified Copy

☒ \$87.50
Filing Fee,
Certified Copy
& Certificate

ADDITIONAL COPY REQUIRED

FROM: Dr. Gregory A. Harris
Name (Printed or typed)

3353 TANSEY CT
Address

Tallahassee, FL 32308
City, State & Zip

850-942-1773
Daytime Telephone number

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

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ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

The undersigned, desiring to form a non profit corporation under the laws of the State of Florida, certify as follows:

I

The name of the corporation shall be: Tallahassee C.A.R.E.S., Ministries, Inc.

II

The address of the corporation's office is: 3353 Tansey Court, Tallahassee, FL 32308.

III

The period of its duration is perpetual.

IV

Section 1. The purpose(s) for which the corporation is organized:

To EDUCATE	persons about God's design for family life.
To EQUIP	persons in essential family-living skills.
To INFORM	families on issues and available resources.
To SUPPORT	families who have special needs and concerns.
To REACH OUT	in Christ's love to the community around us.
To INTERFACE	with churches and pro-family agencies.
To TRAIN	Christian lay people to counsel and minister.
To TEACH	following the example of Jesus Christ and the teachings of His holy Bible.
To PROVIDE	Christian counseling, crisis intervention, and services of help to the community.
To SHARE	the love of God, His plan of forgiveness and Salvation through Jesus Christ, and the transforming power of His Holy Spirit with all who would receive Him, without imposing religious beliefs on anyone;

and the transaction of any or all lawful activities for which nonprofit corporations may be incorporated.

Section 2. And in furtherance of said purposes, the corporation shall have all powers, rights, privileges and immunities, and shall be subject to all of the liabilities conferred or imposed by law upon corporations of this nature, and shall be subject and have all the benefits of all general laws with respect to corporations.

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Section 3. Statement of Faith.:

WE BELIEVE the Bible to be the inspired, the only infallible authoritative Word of God (II Tim. 3:16, II Peter 1:20-21).

WE BELIEVE in the deity of our Lord Jesus Christ, His virgin birth, His sinless life, His miracles, His substitutionary atoning death through His shed blood, His bodily resurrection, His ascension to the right hand of the Father, and His personal return in power and glory (Matt. 1:21-23, 3:17, 28:7, John 12:37, Acts 1:9-11, Heb. 4:15).

WE BELIEVE that for the salvation of lost and sinful man, regeneration by the Holy Spirit is absolutely essential (Titus 3:5).

WE BELIEVE that salvation is by grace through faith alone and not a result of any work (Ephesians 2:8-9).

WE BELIEVE in the present ministry of the Holy Spirit by whose indwelling the Christian is enabled to live a godly life, empowered to witness and given spiritual gifts for the common good of the Body of Christ, the Church (John 7:37-39, Acts 1:8, Gal. 5:22-23, I Cor. 12:4-7, 11, I Peter 4:10).

WE BELIEVE in the bodily resurrection of both the saved and the lost, those that are saved to the resurrection of eternal life, and those that are lost to the resurrection of eternal separation from God (I Thess. 5:16-18, Rev. 20:11-15).

Section 4. Standards of Christian Ministry:

TALLAHASSEE C.A.R.E.S., MINISTRIES, INC. is engaged in Christian ministry. It is therefore required that **TALLAHASSEE C.A.R.E.S., MINISTRIES** shall:

1. Have a governing board whose members each have a declared commitment to Jesus Christ as personal Savior and Lord.
2. Have an Executive Director who has a declared commitment to Jesus Christ as personal Savior and Lord.
3. Have staff, volunteers, and telephone counselors, each of whom have a declared commitment to Jesus Christ as Personal Savior and Lord.
4. Provide a minimum fifty hour telephone counselor training program teaching:
 - (a) the principles of counseling in an accepting, non-judgmental way following the example of Jesus Christ;
 - (b) the skill of active listening;

- (c) the stages of counseling using the Christian Helplines International counseling model;
- (d) the fundamentals of the Christian faith;
- (e) how to pray with people, confront sinful behavior and lead a caller into a personal relationship with Jesus Christ;
- (f) the fundamentals of telephone counseling, crisis intervention and making referrals; and
- (g) the areas of primary caller concern (such as alcohol, drugs, suicide, marital problems, etc.)
 - (1) background information (3) biblical perspective
 - (2) counseling guidelines (4) community resources

5. Offer 24-hour-a-day telephone helpline services through approved telephone counselors at a centrally located counseling center.

6. Obtain a Commissioning and Commitment Statement from each person associated (i.e. Board Members, Executive Director, Staff, Volunteers, Telephone Counselors).

Section 5. Commissioning and Commitment Statement:

Dear Lord Jesus,

Thank you for calling me to serve you in this Helpline Ministry.

I acknowledge you as my personal Savior and Lord and ask that your Holy Spirit fill me and teach me to listen and love as you do.

I pray that you will counsel and minister through me as together we reach out to those who are hurting in our community.

I promise to maintain the trust and confidence of all who call for help.

I promise to support the Helpline with my prayers, my service and my gifts.

V

- Section 1.** The number of directors shall not be less than three (3) and the number of directors constituting the initial Board of Directors is three.
- Section 2.** The manner in which the Directors are elected or appointed.
The officers of this corporation shall be elected annually by the Board of Directors at the regular September meeting of the Board of Directors. Whenever the Board of Directors shall determine that it is in the best interest of the corporation to add additional Board Members, additional Board Members may be added by a majority vote of the current Board.
- Section 3.** **Terms of office.** The term of office of each Director shall be two years.
- Section 4.** **Removal.** Any director may be removed with or without cause by the vote of two-thirds of the members of the Board of Directors.
- Section 5.** **Vacancies.** A vacancy in any office, whether due to death, resignation, removal, disqualification, or other wise, may be filled by the Board of Directors for the unexpired portion of the term.
- Section 6.** **Majority.** The act of a majority of Directors present at any meeting at which a quorum is present shall be the act of the Board of Directors.
- Section 7.** **Meetings.** (a) The Board of Directors shall meet monthly.
 (b) The President may as he deems necessary, call a special meeting of the Board.

Directors	Residence Address (number, street, city, state, zip code)
1. Dr. Gregory A. Harris	3353 Tansey Court, Tallahassee, Florida, 33028
2. Linora Harris	3353 Tansey Court, Tallahassee, Florida, 32308
3. Jessie M. Ellis	3353 Tansey Court, Tallahassee, Florida, 32308

VI

The officers of the corporation shall consist of a president, vice president, secretary and treasurer. The following are the names and residence street addresses of the initial officers:

Officers	Residence Address (number, street, city, state, zip code)
President Dr. Gregory A. Harris	3353 Tansey Court, Tallahassee, Florida, 32308
Vice-President Linora D. Harris	3353 Tansey Court, Tallahassee, Florida, 32308
Secretary Jessie M. Ellis	3353 Tansey Court, Tallahassee, Florida, 32308
Treasurer Jessie M. Ellis	3353 Tansey Court, Tallahassee, Florida, 32308

VII

The name and Florida street address of the initial registered agent are:

Dr. Gregory A. Harris 3353 Tansey Court, Tallahassee, Florida, 32308

VIII

The **name and address** of the Incorporator to these Articles of Incorporation are:

Dr. Gregory A. Harris 3353 Tansey Court, Tallahassee, Florida

Gregory A. Harris

Signature/Incorporator

5/7/99

Date

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.

Gregory A. Harris

Signature/Registered Agent

5/7/99

Date

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