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SUBJECT: Soteria Development Foundation, Inc  
(Proposed corporate name - must include suffix)

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

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& Certificate

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FROM: Freddie H. Lofton  
Name (Printed or typed)

5497 NW 53rd St  
Address

Ocala, FL 34482  
City, State & Zip

352 622-1873  
Daytime Telephone number

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

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**ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION  
OF  
SOTERIA DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION, INC.  
A Florida Not For Profit Corporation**

*The undersigned incorporator for the purpose of forming a corporation under the Florida Not for Profit Corporation Act, hereby adopts the following Articles of Incorporation:*

**ARTICLE I**

**Name**

The name of the corporation shall be **SOTERIA DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION, INC..**

**ARTICLE II**

**Principal Office**

The principal address of the corporation at the time of incorporation is 5497 NW 53<sup>rd</sup> St. of Ocala, County of Marion, Florida.

**ARTICLE III**

**Duration**

The duration of this corporation is perpetual unless dissolved according to law. Corporate existence shall commence at filing of the Articles of Incorporation by the Department of State.

**ARTICLE IV**

**Purpose**

This corporation is organized for charitable, educational, religious purposes, and community development in accordance with Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code or the corresponding section of any future federal code. Specifically, the Corporation shall, subject to the constraints of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, establish, maintain, and operate facilities for educational, religious, and related social and cultural activities for the benefit of the communities and individuals in general. Such activities may include clothing and food distribution, shelter, referrals, and educational service (i.e., workshops, tutorial programs, lectures, etc.). The organization may also engage in other charitable activities not prohibited by law.

**ARTICLE V**

**Manner of Election of Directors**

The manner in which directors are elected or appointed shall be provide in the bylaws of the Corporation.

**ARTICLE VI**

**First Board of Directors**

The number of directors constituting the initial board of directors is three (3). The names and addresses of the persons who will serve as the initial directors until the first annual meeting or until their successors are elected/appointed and qualified are:

Leon A. Johnson

13850 NE 5<sup>th</sup> St.  
Williston, FL 32696

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Willie E. Earley

13435 NE 21<sup>st</sup> Ave. Rd  
Sparr, FL 32192

Freddie H. Lofton

5497 NW 53<sup>rd</sup> St.  
Ocala, FL 34482

## **ARTICLE VI**

### **Board of Directors**

The board of directors shall regulate the internal affairs of the corporation such that: no part of the net earnings of the corporation shall inure to the benefits of, or be distributable to, its members, trustees, directors, 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 distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth in the Articles. The corporation shall not promote any legislative action or otherwise attempt to influence politics, and the corporation shall not participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office. Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, the corporation shall not carry on any activities not permitted to be carried on 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.

Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, this corporation shall not, except to an insubstantial degree, engage in any activities that are not in furtherance of the purposes of the corporation. Upon dissolution of the corporation, the board of Directors shall after paying or making provisions for the payment for liabilities of the corporation, dispose of all of the assets of the corporation to one or more organizations in the country, which are organized and operated exclusively for one or more exempt purposes with a similar mission within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code. Any such assets not so disposed of within a two year period shall be disposed of by the Circuit Court 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 the Court shall determine, which are organized and operate exclusively for such purposes.

## **ARTICLE VII**

### **Corporation Organized**

This corporation is organized under a non-stock basis.

## **ARTICLE VIII**

### **Bylaws**

Bylaws will be hereafter adopted at the first meeting of the Board of Directors. Such bylaws may be amended, appealed, in whole or in part, by the directors in the manner provided in the bylaws. Any amendment to the by laws shall be binding on all members of this corporation.

## **ARTICLE IX**

### **Registered Office and Registered Agent**

The street address of the corporation's initial registered office is 5497 NW 53<sup>rd</sup> Street, City of Ocala, County of Marion, Florida, and the name of the corporation's initial registered agent at such address is **Freddie H. Lofton**.

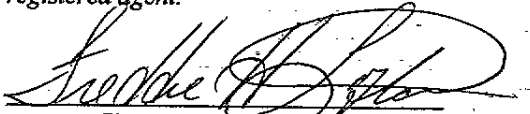
**ARTICLE X**  
**Incorporator**

The name and address of the incorporator is **Leon A. Johnson**, located at 13850 NE 5<sup>th</sup> St., Williston, FL, City of Williston, County of Levy, Florida.

  
Signature of Incorporator

11/1/1999  
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.*

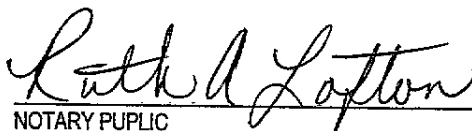
  
Signature of Registered Agent

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BEFORE ME APPEARED LEON A. JOHNSON, AND  
FREDDIE H. LOFTON, WHO PRODUCED FLORIDA  
DRIVERS LICENSE AS ID AND DID SIGN THIS  
DOCUMENT IN MY PRESENCE, ON THIS 1<sup>ST</sup> DAY OF  
NOVEMBER 1999.

  
NOTARY PUBLIC

