

ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION  
of  
HOMETOWN CHARITIES, INC.

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**ARTICLE I**

**NAME**

The name of the corporation shall be Hometown Charities, Inc.

**ARTICLE II**

**NOT-FOR-PROFIT CORPORATION**

The corporation is a not-for-profit corporation pursuant to Chapter 617, Florida Statutes.

**ARTICLE III**

**PRINCIPAL OFFICE AND MAILING ADDRESS**

The principal street address of the corporation is 2820 Manor Downs, The Villages, Florida 32162.

**ARTICLE IV**

**DURATION**

The term of existence for the corporation is perpetual.

**ARTICLE V**

**COMMENCEMENT OF EXISTENCE**

The corporate existence will commence on the date of the filing of these Articles of Incorporation with the Florida Department of State.

**ARTICLE VI**

**PURPOSES**

The corporation is organized and operated exclusively for charitable purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code, 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 federal tax code.

The corporation is specifically organized as a domestic volunteer civic organization with the following purposes:

- (a) to raise funds and financially support and serve persons with intellectual and developmental disabilities; and further,
- (b) to raise funds and financially support and serve underprivileged women and children in the local community.

## ARTICLE VII

### PROHIBITED ACTIVITIES

The property of this corporation is irrevocably dedicated to charitable purposes and no part of the net earnings or assets of the corporation shall ever inure to the benefit of any director, trustee, member or officer of this corporation, or other private persons, except that the corporation shall be empowered and authorized to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth in Article VI hereof.

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.

No substantial part of the activities of this corporation shall consist of carrying on propaganda or otherwise attempting to influence legislation; nor shall the corporation participate or intervene in any political campaigning (including the publishing or distribution or statements) on behalf of any candidate for public office.

## ARTICLE VIII

### DIRECTORS

This corporation shall have a minimum of three (3) Directors at all times. The number of Directors may be increased or decreased from time to time as provided in the bylaws of the corporation. The Directors of the corporation shall be elected in accordance with methods and qualification specified in the bylaws of the corporation. The following persons shall serve as the initial directors of the corporation until their successors are elected or until the first annual meeting called to elect directors:

- Judi Higbee, 2820 Manor Downs, The Villages, Florida 32162
- Betty Rohan, 3314 Eisenhower Way, The Villages, Florida 32163
- Laura McLaughlin, 3387 Brandywine Court, The Villages, Florida 32163

## ARTICLE IX

### DISSOLUTION

Upon the dissolution of this corporation, and after payment or provision for the payment of all liabilities of the corporation, the remaining assets of the corporation shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or

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shall be distributed to the federal government, or to a state or local government, for a public purpose. 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 X**

**INDEMNIFICATION**

The corporation shall indemnify any officer, director, agent or employee or any former officer, director, agent or employee to the fullest extent permitted by law.

**ARTICLE XI**

**REGISTERED AGENT**

The name and Florida street address of the registered agent is:

Judi Higbee, 2820 Manor Downs, The Villages, Florida 32162

**ARTICLE XII**

**INCORPORATORS**

The names and addresses of the incorporators are:

Judi Higbee, 2820 Manor Downs, The Villages, Florida 32162

Betty Rohan, 3314 Eisenhower Way, The Villages, Florida 32163

Laura McLaughlin, 3387 Brandywine Court, The Villages, Florida 32163

**ARTICLE XIII**

**AMENDMENTS**

This corporation reserves the right to amend or repeal any provisions contained in these Articles of Incorporation, or any amendment hereto, by the affirmative vote of the majority of the directors.

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**AFFIRMATION**

I submit this document and affirm that the facts stated herein are true. I am aware that any false information submitted in a document to the Department of State constitutes a third-degree felony as provided for in s.817.155, F.S.

Incorporator Judi Hefner Date 4-12-24

Incorporator Betty Kohan Date 4-12-24

Incorporator Laura McReynolds Date 4/12/24

Having been named as registered agent to accept service of process for the above-stated corporation at the place designated in this certificate, I am familiar with and accept the appointment as registered agent and agree to act in this capacity.

Registered Agent Judi Hefner Date 4-12-24

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