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# ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

# <u>OF</u>

# HOPE MINISTRIES, INC. A NON-PROFIT, NON-STOCK CORPORATION PURSUANT TO KRS 273

Maria Breeden, the undersigned natural person, having capacity to contract and acting as incorporator of a corporation having no capital stock from which no private pecuniary gain or profits to be derived, hereby adopts the following Articles of Incorporation for

# HOPE MINISTRIES, INC.

## **ARTICLE I**

The name of the name of the corporation is Hope Ministries, Inc.

# **ARTICLE II**

The corporation is a non-profit corporation. It may transact only such business as is authorized under the provisions of Chapter 273 of the Kentucky Revised Statutes. The corporation shall be perpetual.

## **ARTICLE III**

The corporation is organized and shall be operated exclusively for charitable and educational purposes. It may transact only such business as is authorized under the provisions of Chapter 273 of the Kentucky Revised Statutes.

#### **ARTICLE IV**

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 distributions in furtherance of the purposes set fort in Article III hereof. No substantial part of the activities of the corporation shall be the carrying on of propoaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the corporation shall not participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of or in opposition to any candidate for public office. Notwithstanding any other provisions 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 by (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 income tax code.

## **ARTICLE V**

Upon dissolution of the corporation, assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or 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 VI**

The address of the initial registered and principal office of the corporation is 1083 Stafford Ridge Road, Sanders, Kentucky 41083, and the name of its initial registered agent at such address is Maria Breeden.

#### ARTICLE VII

The number of directors constituting the initial board of the corporation shall be four (4), and the names and addresses of the persons who are to serve as a directors until the first annual meeting of the members or until a successor are elected and shall qualify are:

- 1.) Maria Breeden, 1083 Stafford Ridge Road, Sanders, Kentucky 41083
- 2.) Jerry Smith, 63 Landy Hill Road, Bedford, Kentucky 40006
- 3.) David Roberts, 119 Comanche Trail, Carrollton, Kentucky 41008
- 4.) Cristina Marsh, 305 Fifth Street, Carrollton KY 41008

The name and address of the incorporator is:

Name Maria Breeden Address 1083 Stafford Ridge Road Sanders, KY 41083

There are no shares of stock being issued as this is a non-profit, non-stock foundation.

## **ARTICLE VIII**

The personal liability of a director to the corporation or its members for monetary damages for breach of his duties as a director is eliminated except for the following:

- 1.) Any transaction in which the director's personal financial interest is in conflict with the financial interests of the corporation or its members;
- 2.) Acts or omissions not in good faith or which involve intentional misconduct or are known to the director to be a violation of law;
- 3). For any vote for or assent to an unlawful distribution to shareholders as prohibited under KRS 271B.8-330; or,
- 4). Any transaction from which the director derived an improper personal benefit.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, Maria Breeden has made, signed and acknowledged these Articles of Incorporation, in triplicate originals, this the ay day of September, 2024.

Maria Breeden

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY)

COUNTY OF Carroll

I, the undersigned, a Notary Public, in and for the commonwealth and county aforesaid, do hereby certify that MARIA BREEDEN personally appeared before me and acknowledged and delivered the foregoing Articles of Incorporation of Hope Ministries, Inc., to be her free act and deed as incorporator of said corporation.

Witness my hand and seal on this the <u>J</u>day of September, 2024

My commission expires: Quy 3 2021

NOTARY PUBLIC, KY, STATE AT LARGE

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THIS INSTRUMENT PREPARED BY:

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BY:

Jake A. Thompson

# **CONSENT OF INITIAL AGENT FOR SERVICE OF PROCESS**

I, Maria Breeden, having a principal place of business at 1083 Stafford Ridge Road, Sanders, Kentucky 41083, hereby agree and consent to serve as registered office and registered agent of service of process for Hope Ministries, Inc.

This the day of September, 2024

Maria Breeden, Director