

State of Alabama County of Shelby

**ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION  
OF  
SOCK MONKEY MINISTRIES, INC.**

These articles of incorporation are signed and acknowledged by the incorporator for the purpose of forming a nonprofit corporation under the provisions of Alabama Nonprofit Corporation Act as codified in Section 10-3A-1, et seq. Code of Alabama (1975) as follows:

**ARTICLE I: NAME**

The name of this non-profit corporation shall be SOCK MONKEY MINISTRIES, INC., and shall be hereinafter referred to as the "corporation".

**ARTICLE II: DURATION**

The duration of the corporation is perpetual.

**ARTICLE III: PURPOSES**

This corporation is organized exclusively for charitable purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as now enacted or hereafter amended, including, for such purposes, the making of distributions to organizations that also qualify as Section 501(c)(3) exempt organizations. To this end the corporation shall through a community of volunteers, share a passion to offer God's love through a simple act of agape, inspiring hope in the lives of orphaned children, cancer patients, AIDS patients, homeless families, and those in need of encouragement. The corporation will provide a handmade gift that is altruistically assembled by our volunteers to fulfill our vision to reach a life, one gift at a time. All funds, whether income or principal, and whether acquired by gift or contribution or otherwise, shall be devoted to said purposes.

**ARTICLE IV: MEMBERS**

The corporation shall have no voting members. The management and affairs of the corporation shall be at all times under the direction of a Board of Directors, whose operations in governing the corporation shall be defined by the corporation's by-laws. No Director shall have any right, title, or interest in or to any property of the corporation.

**ARTICLE V: ADDRESS AND REGISTERED AGENT**

The street address of the registered office of the corporation is: In the County of Shelby, 525 Lime Creek Cove, Chelsea, Alabama 35043 and the registered agent at such address is Elizabeth VanSickle.



## ARTICLE VI: BOARD OF DIRECTORS; OFFICERS

The initial board of directors shall consist of five (5) persons and the said Board of Directors will elect four officers that will make up the Executive Board, including a president, one or more vice-presidents, a secretary, and a treasurer. The same person can hold more than one office, except for the offices of president and secretary. The names and addresses of the persons who will serve as Directors until their successors are named and term expiration (as specified in the Bylaws) are:

1. Judith Barrett – 209 Grande Vista Way, Chelsea, AL 35043
2. Michael D. Nelson - P.O. Box 1232, Oneonta, AL 35121
3. Pamela D. Strong – 1925 Valewood Circle, Hoover, AL 35244
4. Elizabeth P. VanSickle – 525 Lime Creek Cove, Chelsea, AL 35043
5. Randolph J VanSickle – 525 Lime Creek Cove, Chelsea, AL 35043

## ARTICLE VII: INCORPORATOR

Name and address of the incorporator is: Elizabeth P. VanSickle – 525 Lime Creek Cove, Chelsea, AL 35043

## ARTICLE VIII: LIMITATIONS

At all times the following shall operate as conditions restricting the operations and activities of the corporation:

1. No part of the net earning of the corporation shall inure to any member of the corporation not qualifying as exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as now enacted or hereafter amended, nor to any Director or officer of the corporation, nor to any other private persons, excepting solely such reasonable compensation that the corporation shall pay for services actually rendered to the corporation, or allowed by the corporation as a reasonable allowance for authorized expenditures incurred on behalf of the corporation.
2. No substantial part of the activities of the corporation shall constitute the carrying on of propaganda or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, or any initiative or referendum before the public, and the corporation shall not participate in, or intervene in (including by publication or distribution of statements), any political campaign on behalf of, or in opposition to, any candidate for public office.
3. Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, the corporation shall not carry on any other 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 of 1986, as now enacted or hereafter amended.



4. The corporation shall not lend any of its assets to any officer or director of this corporation, or guarantee to any person the payment of a loan by an officer or director of this corporation.

#### ARTICLE IX: POWERS

The corporation shall have all of the general powers expressly granted to non-profit corporations under the provisions of the Alabama Non-Profit Corporation Act and all other powers necessary or useful in order to enable the corporation to carry out its purposes as set forth in Article III hereof.

#### ARTICLE X: BYLAWS

The operation of the corporation shall be governed by bylaws to be adopted at the organizational meeting of the corporation. The Board of Directors is authorized to make, alter, amend, or repeal the Bylaws of this corporation.

#### ARTICLE XI: DEBT OBLIGATION AND PERSONAL LIABILITY

No member, officer or Director of this corporation shall be personally liable for the debts or obligations of this corporation of any nature whatsoever, nor shall any of the property of the members, officers or Directors be subject to the payment of the debts or obligations of this corporation.

#### ARTICLE XII: DISSOLUTION

The corporation may be dissolved as provided for in the Alabama Non-Profit Corporation Act. Upon the 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 of 1986, or 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.

#### ARTICLE XIII: AMMENDMENTS

These Articles of Incorporation may be amended by action of the Board of Directors of the corporation, in accordance with the Bylaws and the Alabama Non-Profit Corporation Act.

#### ARTICLE XIV: ORGANIZATION

The corporation is organized exclusively for religious, charitable, scientific, literary, educational and scientific purposes, including, for such purposes, the making of distributions to organizations under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (or the corresponding provisions of any future United States Internal Revenue law).



I the undersigned, being over twenty-one years of age, hereby certify that I am a duly constituted member of the Board of said corporation and desire to become incorporated as set forth above.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the incorporator has signed the Articles of Incorporation on this the 19<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2007.

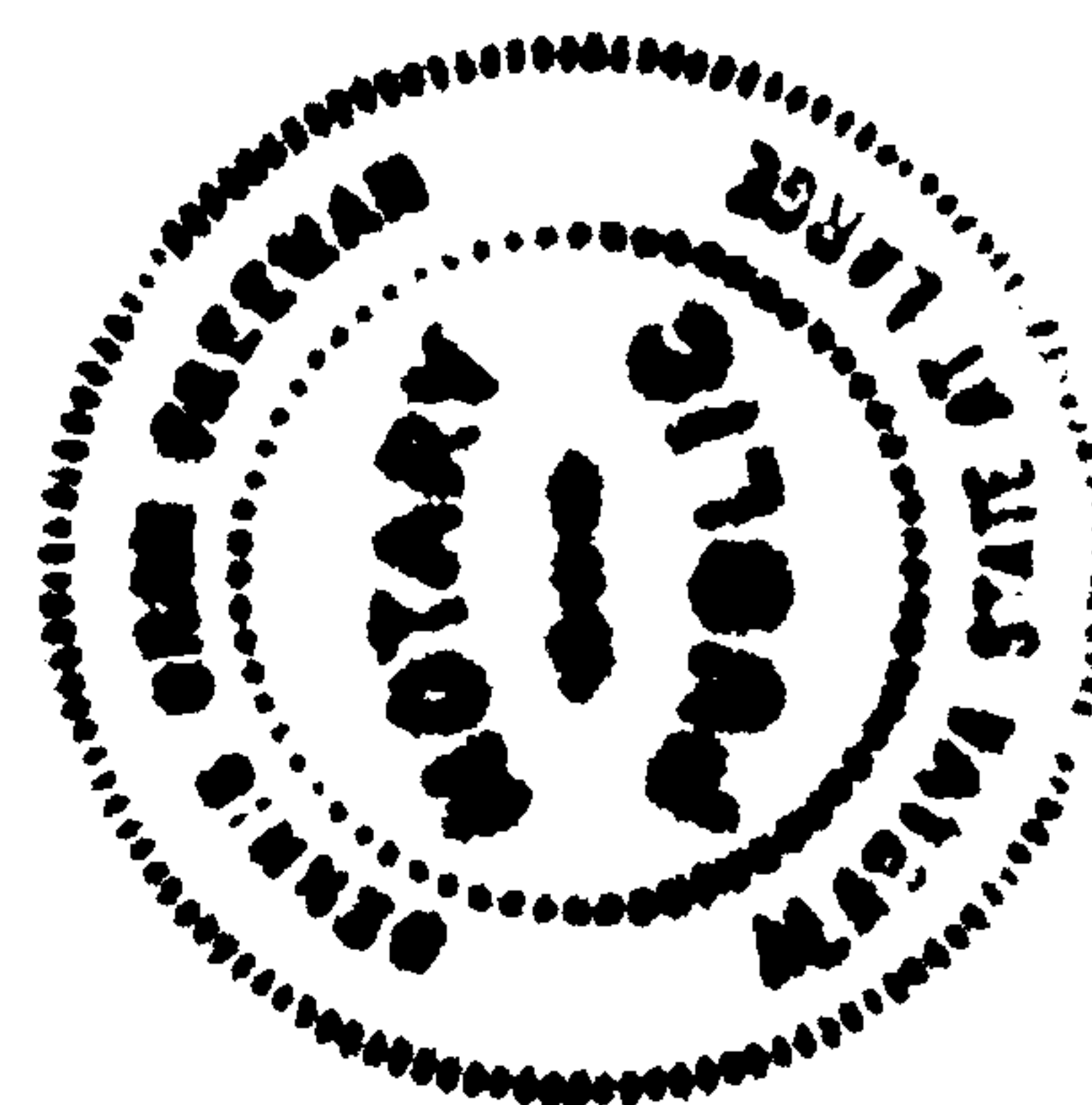
Elizabeth P. VanSickle  
ELIZABETH P. VANSICKLE  
INCORPORATOR

STATE OF ALABAMA  
COUNTY of Shelby

Before me, a Notary Public in and for said State and County, personally appeared Elizabeth P. VanSickle, who being by me first duly sworn, states that she is the person named as Incorporator of the SOCK MONKEY MINISTRY, INC. and that she, as such Incorporator, is a bona fide member and is over the age of twenty one years and makes this affidavit to comply with the Statutes and Laws of the State of Alabama relative to the Incorporation of a Nonprofit Organization, under the Alabama Nonprofit Corporation Act.

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED before me, a Notary Public in and for said State and County, this 19 day of January, 2007.

Dennis A. Freeman  
NOTARY PUBLIC  
MY COMMISSION EXPIRES 4/6/08



# State of Alabama Shelby County

## Certificate of Incorporation

### Of Sock Monkey Ministries, Inc.

The undersigned, as Judge of Probate of Shelby County, State of Alabama, hereby certifies that duplicate originals of Articles of Incorporation of Alabama Nonprofit Sock Monkey Ministries, Inc., duly signed and verified pursuant to the provisions of Section Non Profit of the Alabama Business Corporation Act, have been received in this office and are found to conform to law.

ACCORDINGLY the undersigned, as such Judge of Probate, and by virtue of the authority vested in her by law, hereby issues this Certificate of Incorporation of Alabama Nonprofit Sock Monkey Ministries, Inc. and attaches hereto a duplicate original of the Articles of Incorporation.

Given under my hand and Official Seal on  
this the 19th day of January 2007.

*Patricia Yeager Fuhrmeister*

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Judge of Probate

