

# STATE OF ALABAMA

## DOMESTIC NONPROFIT CORPORATION CERTIFICATE OF FORMATION



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1. THE NAME OF THE CORPORATION

**Shelby Church Communities**

2. THIS FORM WAS PREPARED BY:

Luke Camara

3. THIS NONPROFIT CORPORATION:

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HAS MEMBERS

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HAS NO MEMBERS

4. THE STREET (NO PO BOXES) ADDRESS OF PRINCIPAL OFFICE:

448 Sherwood Cir  
Calera, AL 35040

MAILING ADDRESS IN ALABAMA OF PRINCIPAL OFFICE (IF DIFFERENT FROM STREET ADDRESS):

5. THE NAME OF THE REGISTERED AGENT:

Luke Camara Camara

6. STREET (NO PO BOXES) ADDRESS OF REGISTERED AGENT:

448 Sherwood Cir  
Calera, AL 35040  
SHELBY

MAILING ADDRESS IN ALABAMA OF REGISTERED OFFICE (IF DIFFERENT FROM STREET ADDRESS):

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7. PURPOSE FOR WHICH CORPORATION IS FORMED (THE PURPOSE INCLUDES THE TRANSACTION OF ANY LAWFUL BUSINESS FOR WHICH NONPROFIT CORPORATIONS MAY BE INCORPORATED IN ALABAMA UNDER TITLE 10A, CHAPTER 3 OF THE CODE OF ALABAMA):

The Church is organized and shall be operated exclusively as a member church of The Christian and Mi



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8. PERIOD OF DURATION SHALL BE PERPETUAL UNLESS STATED OTHERWISE BY AN ATTACHED EXHIBIT.

9. INCORPORATOR(S)

Incorporator	Office Address	Mailing Address
Shelby Church Communities Church of The Christian and Missionary Alliance	448 Sherwood Cir Calera, AL 35040	448 Sherwood Cir Calera, AL 35040

10. THE NUMBER OF DIRECTORS CONSTITUTING THE INITIAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS IS 3.

Director	Office Address	Mailing Address
Luke Camara	448 Sherwood Cir Calera, AL 35040	448 Sherwood Cir Calera, AL 35040
Levi Owens	1019 Maryanna RD Calera, AL 35040	1019 Maryanna RD Calera, AL 35040
Shana Camara	448 Sherwood Cir Calera, AL 35040	448 Sherwood Cir Calera, AL 35040

11. UNLESS AN ATTACHMENT TO THIS CERTIFICATE OF FORMATION PROVIDES THAT A CHANGE IN THE NUMBER OF DIRECTORS SHALL BE MADE ONLY BY AMENDMENT TO THE CERTIFICATE OF FORMATION, A CHANGE IN THE NUMBER OF DIRECTORS MADE BY AMENDMENT TO THE BYLAWS SHALL BE CONTROLLING. IN ALL OTHER CASES, WHENEVER A PROVISION OF THE CERTIFICATE OF FORMATION IS INCONSISTENT WITH A BYLAW, THE PROVISION OF THE CERTIFICATE OF FORMATION SHALL BE CONTROLLING.



ATTACHED ARE ANY OTHER PROVISIONS THAT ARE NOT INCONSISTENT WITH LAW RELATING TO ORGANIZATION, OWNERSHIP, GOVERNANCE, BUSINESS, OR REGULATION OF THE INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF THE NONPROFIT CORPORATION, INCLUDING ANY PROVISIONS FOR DISTRIBUTION OF ASSETS ON DISSOLUTION OR FINAL LIQUIDATION.

01/30/2019

DATE

Luke Camara Pastor

ELECTRONIC SIGNATURE & TITLE/CAPACITY

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# **ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF Shelby Church Communities CHURCH OF THE CHRISTIAN AND MISSIONARY ALLIANCE**

## **ARTICLE I NAME**

The name of the corporation is Shelby Church Communities Church of The Christian and Missionary Alliance (referred to herein as the “Church”).

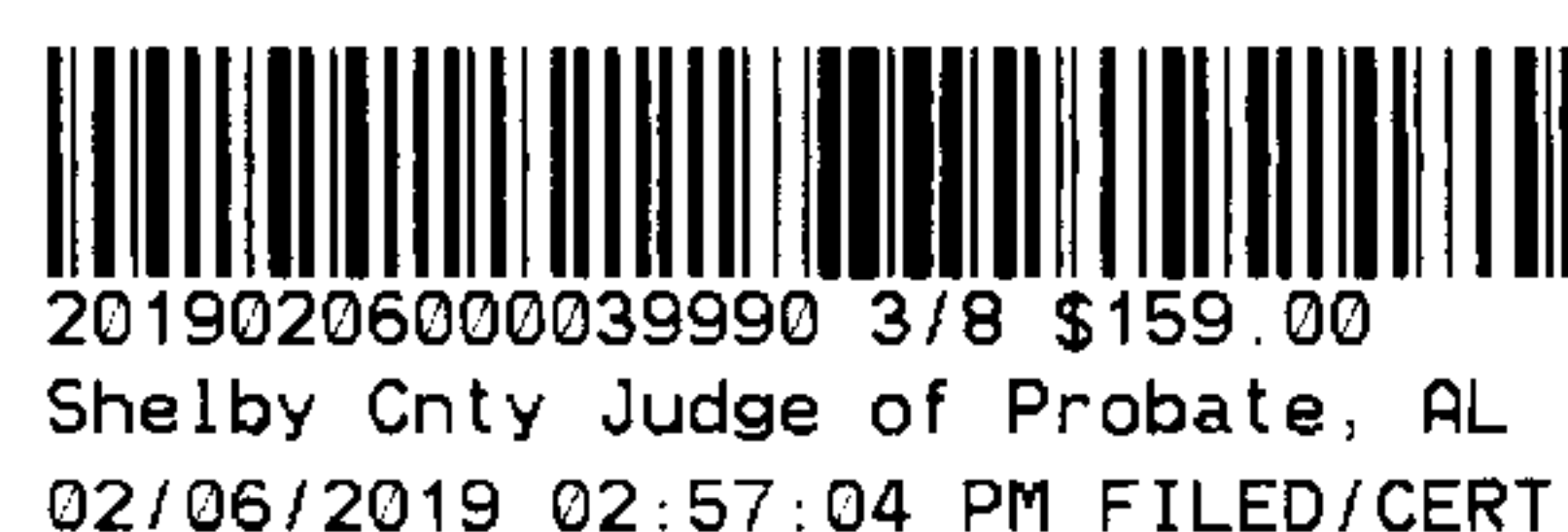
## **ARTICLE II PURPOSES, ECCLESIASTICAL AUTHORITY AND POWERS**

**Section 2.1. Purposes and Ecclesiastical Authority.** The Church is organized and shall be operated exclusively as a member church of The Christian and Missionary Alliance, a church denomination which operates legally as a Colorado nonprofit corporation (the “C&MA”). Accordingly, the Church shall operate under the sole ecclesiastical authority of, and be subject to the usages, doctrines and teachings of, the C&MA as set forth in The Manual of The Christian and Missionary Alliance; as such manual may be amended from time to time by the C&MA (the “Manual”). Without limiting the foregoing, the purposes of the corporation shall include promulgating such doctrines and teachings, preaching the Gospel to every creature, edifying the Christians through the education of God’s word, promoting spiritual fellowship among God’s people on the basis of the biblical faith, and promoting religious activities and to further other religious, educational, and charitable work to that end. In addition, this corporation shall be organized and operated exclusively for religious purposes within the meaning of section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

**Section 2.2. Powers.** In furtherance of the foregoing purposes and objectives (but not otherwise) and subject to the restrictions set forth herein, the corporation shall have and may exercise all of the powers now or hereafter conferred upon nonprofit corporations organized under the laws of the State and may do everything necessary or convenient for the accomplishment of any of the corporate purposes, either alone or in connection with other organizations, entities or individuals, and either as principal or agent, subject to such limitations as are or may be prescribed by law. Subject to any limitations in the bylaws of the Church, the Church may acquire, own, dispose of, improve, encumber, and convey property, real and personal, for the Church’s purposes, in conformity with the laws of the state where the property is situated.

### **Section 2.3. Restrictions on Powers.**

- A. No part of the net earnings of the Church shall inure to the benefit of or be distributable to any director or officer of the Church or any other individual (except that reasonable compensation may be paid for services rendered to or for the benefit of the Church affecting one or more of its purposes), and no director or officer of the Church or any other individual shall be entitled to share in any distribution of any of the corporate assets on dissolution of the Church or otherwise.



- B. No substantial part of the activities of the Church shall consist of carrying on propaganda or otherwise attempting to influence legislation. However, if the Church is an organization to which section 501(h) of the Internal Revenue Code applies and the Church has effectively elected to have such section apply, the Church shall have power to carry on the activities permitted by such section, but only to the extent such activities shall not result in the denial of exemption under such section. When required by law, the Church shall not participate 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.
- C. The Church shall hold all of its real and personal property in trust for the District and the C&MA. All of the Church's real and personal property shall be subject to the applicable property reversion provisions in the Manual.
- D. Upon dissolution of the Church, or upon the Church's termination as a member church of The Christian and Missionary Alliance, all of the Church's assets remaining after payment of or provision for all of its liabilities shall be paid over or transferred to one or more organizations described in section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, contributions to which are deductible under section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code. The District shall have first priority to receive all such assets, and the C&MA shall have second priority. If neither the District nor the C&MA are eligible to receive all such assets, then the board of directors shall determine the recipient organizations and their respective shares and interests.
- E. Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles of incorporation, the Church shall not carry on any activities not permitted to be carried on by a corporation exempt from federal income tax as an organization described in section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and if at any time the Church is a "private foundation" as defined in section 509(a) of the Internal Revenue Code, then during such period of time:
- (1) The Church shall not engage in any act of "self-dealing," as defined in section 4941(d) of the Internal Revenue Code, so as to give rise to any liability for the tax imposed by section 4941 of the Internal Revenue Code;
- (2) The Church shall make distributions for each taxable year at such time and in such manner so as not to become subject to the tax imposed by section 4942 of the Internal Revenue Code;



(3) The Church shall not retain any “excess business holdings,” as defined in section 4943(c) of the Internal Revenue Code, so as to give rise to any liability for the tax imposed by section 4943 of the Internal Revenue Code;

(4) The Church shall not make any investments that would jeopardize the carrying out of any of the exempt purposes of the Church, within the meaning of section 4944 of the Internal Revenue Code, so as to give rise to any liability for the tax imposed by section 4944 of the Internal Revenue Code; and

(5) The Church shall not make any “taxable expenditure,” as defined in section 4945(d) of the Internal Revenue Code, so as to give rise to any liability for the tax imposed by section 4945 of the Internal Revenue Code.

F. All references in these articles of incorporation to provisions of the Internal Revenue Code are to the provisions of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, and to the corresponding provisions of any subsequent federal tax laws.

### **ARTICLE III MEMBERS**

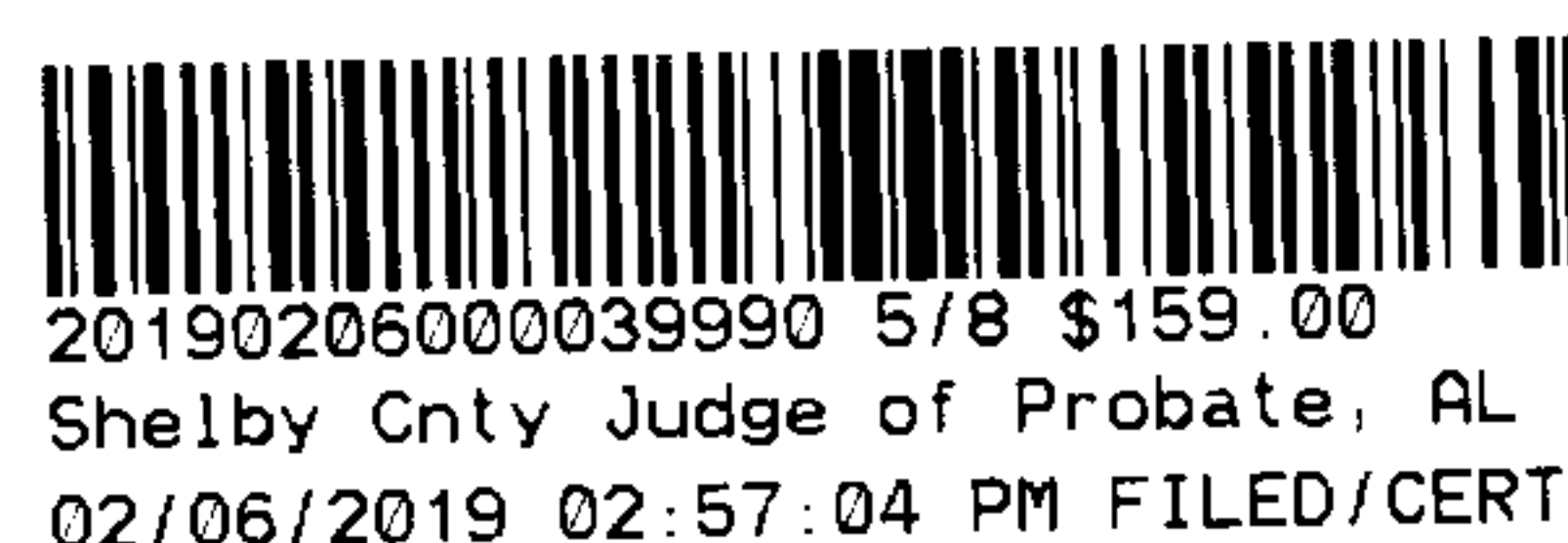
**Section 3.1. Types of Members.** The Church shall have an Ecclesiastical Member and General Members. The Ecclesiastical Member shall be the district of the C&MA having jurisdiction over the Church; as such district may be determined from time to time by the C&MA (the “District”). Subject to the rights granted to the Ecclesiastical Member in these articles of incorporation, the qualifications, rights and manner of admission for the General Members shall be as set forth in the bylaws.

**Section 3.2. Exercise of Ecclesiastical Authority.** The ecclesiastical authority of the C&MA over the Church shall be exercised through the District. Without limiting the foregoing, the District shall at all times have the responsibility in accordance with and subject to the requirements of the Manual to determine the status of the Church as either a “Developing Church” or an “Accredited Church.”

### **ARTICLE IV BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**Section 4.1. General.** The management of the affairs of the Church shall be vested in a board of directors, which shall be equivalent to the “governance authority” described in the Manual, except as otherwise provided under applicable law, these articles of incorporation or the bylaws of the Church. The number of directors, their classifications, if any, and their terms of office shall be as provided from time to time in the bylaws.

**Section 4.2. Election and Removal of the Board of Directors.** At any time in which the Church is a “Developing Church,” the Ecclesiastical Member shall have the sole responsibility to elect and remove all members of the board of directors of the Church. At any time in which the Church is an “Accredited Church,” members of the board of directors of the Church shall be elected and removed in accordance with the bylaws of the Church.



**Section 4.3. Liability of Directors.** The liability of a director shall be eliminated or limited to the fullest extent permitted under the laws of the State. If the laws of the State hereafter are amended to authorize the further elimination or limitation of the liability of directors, then the liability of a director of the Church, in addition to the limitation on personal liability provided herein, shall be further eliminated or limited to the fullest extent permitted by applicable law. Any repeal or modification of this section shall be prospective only and shall not adversely affect any right or protection of a director of the Church existing at the time of such repeal or modification.

## **ARTICLE V BYLAWS**

**Section 5.1. Scope.** The bylaws adopted by the Church shall include all provisions in the Manual applicable to member churches of the C&MA and may contain additional provisions for the managing and regulating of the affairs of the Church that are consistent with law, these articles of incorporation and the Manual. The District shall have the sole authority to determine any inconsistency between the bylaws and the Manual.

**Section 5.2. Adoption and Amendments.** At any time in which the Church is a “Developing Church,” the Ecclesiastical Member shall have the sole authority to adopt and amend the bylaws. At any time in which the Church is an “Accredited Church,” the bylaws may be amended in accordance with the bylaws of the Church.

## **ARTICLE VI AMENDMENTS**

The board of directors shall have the power and authority to amend these articles of incorporation to the extent provided under the laws of the State, provided that no such amendment shall be effective unless approved in writing by the District.

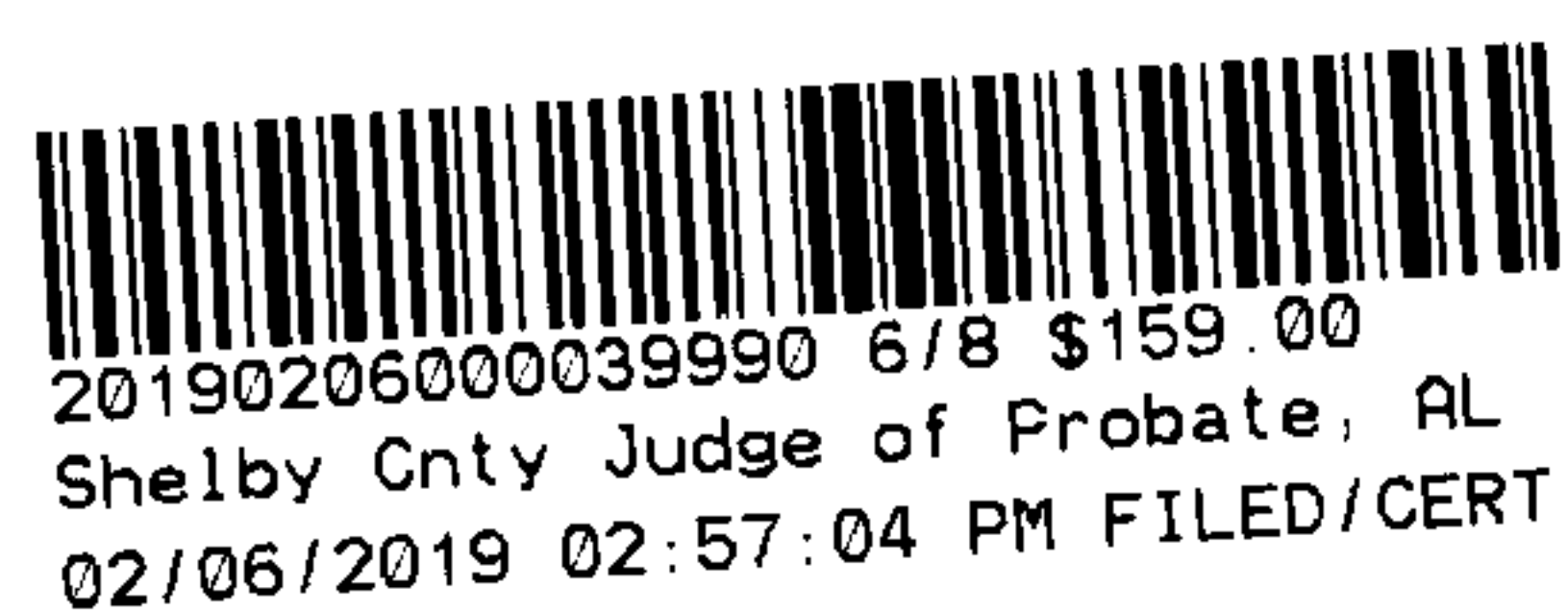
## **ARTICLE VII MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS**

**Section 7.1. Governing Law.** The Church is organized under the laws of the state of ALABAMA (the “State”)

**Section 7.2. Voting Members.** The Church shall have voting members. The voting rights of each such voting member shall be limited to those rights expressly granted to such member in these articles of incorporation or in the bylaws of the Church.

**Section 7.3. Principal Office.** The address of the initial principal office of the Church is 448 Sherwood Cir Calera AL 35040

**Section 7.4. Registered Office and Agent.** The street address of the initial registered office of the Church is 448 Sherwood Cir Calera AL 35040 The name of the Church’s initial registered agent at the initial registered office is Luke Camara





**Section 7.5. Duration.** The Church shall have unlimited duration.

**Section 7.6. Certification.** [The District or the church is the incorporator causing this document to be delivered for filing. The name and mailing address of the incorporator(s) are: Shelby Church Communities 448 Sherwood Cir Calera AL 35040]


IN WITNESS THEREOF, the undersigned incorporator executed these Articles of Incorporation on this the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_\_.

**Luke Camara**

Print Name of Incorporator



Signature of Incorporator

  
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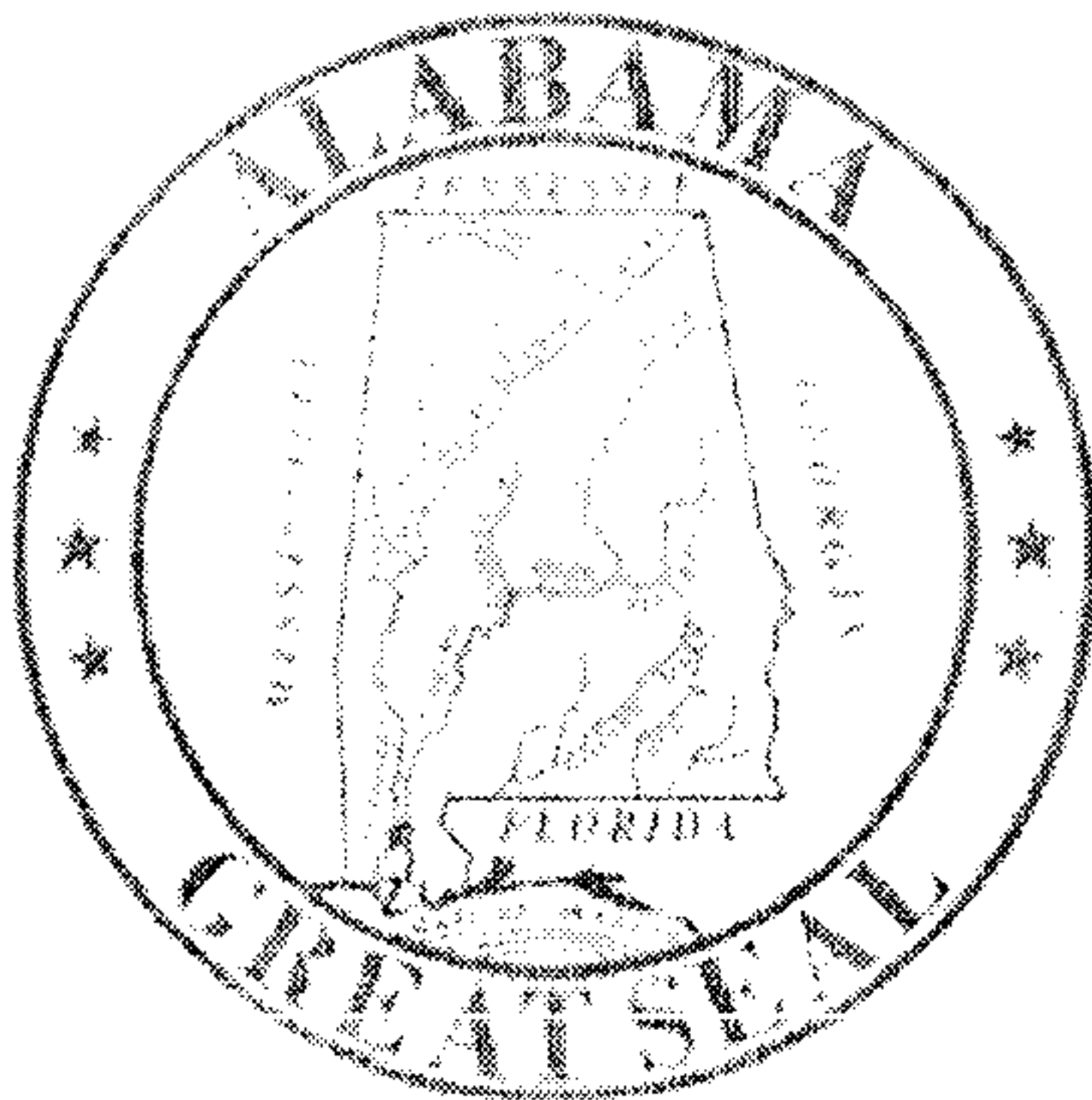
**I, John H. Merrill, Secretary of State of Alabama, having custody of the  
Great and Principal Seal of said State, do hereby certify that**

pursuant to the provisions of Title 10A, Chapter 1, Article 5, Code of Alabama  
1975, and upon an examination of the entity records on file in this office, the  
following entity name is reserved as available:

**Shelby Church Communities**

This name reservation is for the exclusive use of Luke Camara, 448 Sherwood Cir,  
Calera, AL 35040 for a period of one year beginning January 30, 2019 and  
expiring January 30, 2020

  
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**In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto set my  
hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State, at the  
Capitol, in the city of Montgomery, on this day.**

January 30, 2019

Date

*J. H. Merrill*

John H. Merrill

Secretary of State