



**State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations  
Office of the Secretary of State**

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Division Of Business Services  
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**Non-Profit Corporation  
Articles of Incorporation**

(Chapter 7-6-34 of the General Laws of Rhode Island, 1956, as amended)

**ARTICLE I**

The name of the corporation is EMERGE

**ARTICLE II**

The period of its duration is  Perpetual

**ARTICLE III**

The specific purpose or purposes for which the corporation is organized are:

TO ESTABLISH A PROGRAM FOR KIDS AGING OUT OF FOSTER CARE. EMERGE IS ORGANIZED EXCLUSIVELY FOR CHARITABLE, RELIGIOUS, AND EDUCATIONAL, AND SCIENTIFIC PURPOSES, INCLUDING, FOR SUCH PURPOSES, THE MAKING OF DISTRIBUTIONS TO ORGANIZATIONS THAT QUALIFY AS EXEMPT ORGANIZATIONS DESCRIBED UNDER SECTION 501(C)(3) OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE, OR CORRESPONDING SECTION OF ANY FUTURE TAX CODE.

TO OFFER ADDITIONAL SERVICES TO INDIVIDUALS TRANSITIONING OUT OF THE FOSTER CARE SYSTEM INCLUDING EVIDENCED BASED PRACTICES, BUT NOT LIMITED TO MENTORING, HELPING THEM FIGURE OUT HOUSING, EMPLOYMENT, EDUCATION OR TRADE, AND LEARN BASIC LIFE SKILLS THAT WILL HELP THEM AS THEY MATURE AND DEVELOP. TO MAXIMIZE OUR IMPACT ON CURRENT EFFORTS, WE MAY SEEK TO COLLABORATE WITH OTHER NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS WHICH FALL UNDER THE 501 (C) (3) SECTION OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE AND ARE OPERATED EXCLUSIVELY FOR EDUCATIONAL AND CHARITABLE PURPOSES. AT THE DISCRETION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS, (3) SECTION OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE AND ARE OPERATED EXCLUSIVELY FOR EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES CONSISTENT WITH CHARITABLE PURPOSES.

**ARTICLE IV**

Provisions, if any, not inconsistent with the law, which the incorporators elect to set forth in these articles of incorporation for the regulation of the internal affairs of the corporation are:

EMERGE SHALL BE GOVERNED BY ITS BOARD OF DIRECTORS SUBJECT TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF STONE COAST COMMUNITY CHURCH.

**ARTICLE V**

The street address (post office boxes are not acceptable) of the initial registered office of the corporation is:

No. and Street: 360 MARKET STREET  
City or Town: WARREN State: RI Zip: 02885

The name of its initial registered agent at such address is MICHAEL SEAN SMITH

**ARTICLE VI**

The number of directors constituting the initial Board of Directors of the Corporation is 3 and the names and addresses of the persons who are to serve as the initial directors are:

<b>Title</b>	<b>Individual Name</b> First, Middle, Last, Suffix	<b>Address</b> Address, City or Town, State, Zip Code, Country
DIRECTOR	MICHAEL SEAN SMITH PASTOR	160 CHERRY HILL DRIVE SEEKONK, MA 02771 USA
DIRECTOR	DAWN PRATT	1905 ELM STREET DIGHTON, MA 02715 USA
DIRECTOR	CHARLES LAMARRE MR.	24 GARDNER STREET SEEKONK, MA 02771 USA

**ARTICLE VII**

The name and address of the incorporator is:

<b>Title</b>	<b>Individual Name</b> First, Middle, Last, Suffix	<b>Address</b> Address, City or Town, State, Zip Code, Country
INCORPORATOR	RICHARD SAYDEE PASTOR	9 CHASE STREET TAUNTON, MA 02780 USA

**ARTICLE VIII**

Date when corporate existence is to begin 09/02/2019  
(not prior to, nor more than 30 days after, the filing of these Articles of Incorporation)

**Signed this 17 Day of August, 2019 at 12:51:44 PM by the incorporator(s).** *This electronic signature of the individual or individuals signing this instrument constitutes the affirmation or acknowledgement of the signatory, under penalties of perjury, that this instrument is that individual's act and deed or the act and deed of the corporation, and that the facts stated herein are true, as of the date of the electronic filing, in compliance with R.I. Gen. Laws § 7-6.*

**Enter signature(s) below.**  
MICHAEL SEAN SMITH





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**Nellie M. Gorbea**, *Secretary of State*

I, NELLIE M. GORBEA, Secretary of State of the State of Rhode Island  
and Providence Plantations, hereby certify that this document, duly executed in  
accordance with the provisions of Title 7 of the General Laws of Rhode Island, as  
amended, has been filed in this office on this day:

August 17, 2019 12:48 PM

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Nellie M. Gorbea". The signature is fluid and cursive, written in a professional style.

Nellie M. Gorbea  
*Secretary of State*

