

ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

OF

BEACON

I, the undersigned natural person of the age of eighteen (18) years or more, do make and acknowledge these Articles of Incorporation for the purpose of forming a nonprofit corporation under and by virtue of the law of the State of North Carolina.

I.

The name of the corporation is: BEACON

II.

The period of duration of the corporation is perpetual.

III.

The corporation is organized exclusively for charitable and educational purposes, including (1) to study the needs of the Buncombe County, North Carolina low-income population in order to identify trends and gaps; (2) to coordinate existing resources of certain organizations that qualify as exempt organizations under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law) and governmental resources; (3) to share information and educate the community about services and needs of low-income persons in Buncombe County; (4) to develop resources to better serve the Buncombe County low-income population in the most cost effective manner; (5) to collectively be accountable to the Buncombe County low-income population; (6) to respect the individuality of individual agencies providing emergency services to the Buncombe County low-income population and each one's policy making authority; and (7) for any other lawful purpose consistent with the general purposes of the corporation.

#### IV.

The directors of the corporation shall be established or determined in the manner provided in the By-Laws.

#### V.

In order to properly effectuate the purposes and objects for which this nonprofit corporation is formed, as is above set forth, this nonprofit corporation shall have full and complete authority and all powers enumerated in Chapter 55A and amendments thereto, of the General Statutes of North Carolina entitled "Nonprofit Corporation Act", and shall generally have any and all powers to do and perform acts and everything necessary, suitable, convenient, expedient, conducive or proper, to the same extent as a natural person might or could do for the accomplishment of the purposes for which this nonprofit corporation is formed and for its protection or benefit.

#### VI.

The corporation is not organized for profit, and 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 forth in these Articles. No substantial part of the activities of the corporation shall be the carrying on of propaganda, 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 any candidate for public office.

Notwithstanding any other provision 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 of 1954 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law) or (b) by a corporation contributions to which are deductible under Section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law).

#### VII.

In the event of dissolution, the residual assets of the corporation shall be turned over to one or more organizations which themselves are exempt as organizations organized exclusively for religious and charitable purposes described in Sections 501(c)(3) and 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 or corresponding sections of any prior or future Internal Revenue Code. Any such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by transfer to the Federal, State or Local government for exclusively public purposes.

#### VIII.

The address of the initial registered office of the corporation in the State of North Carolina is: 24 Cumberland Avenue, Asheville, Buncombe County, North Carolina, 28801; and the registered agent at such address is Reverend Scott Rogers.

IX.

The number of directors constituting the initial Board of Directors shall be three (3); and the names and addresses of the persons who are to serve as the initial directors are:

Rev. Scott Rogers  
24 Cumberland Avenue  
Asheville, NC 28801

Mr. Calvin Underwood  
35 Woodfin Avenue  
Asheville, NC 28801

Mr. Richard McCoy  
50 Westgate Parkway  
Asheville, NC 28806

X.

The name and address of the incorporator is:

Reverend Scott Rogers  
24 Cumberland Avenue  
Asheville, NC 28801

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 8<sup>TH</sup> day of

April, 1987.

Rev. Scott Rogers  
Reverend Scott Rogers

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
COUNTY OF BUNCOMBE

I, Sally M. Brown, a Notary Public, do hereby certify that REVEREND SCOTT ROGERS personally appeared before me this 8th day of April, 1987 and acknowledged the due execution of the foregoing Articles of Incorporation.

Sally M. Brown  
Notary Public

My Commission Expires:  
My Commission Expires 10-21-1991