ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

OF

GEORGIA VOLUNTARY ORGANIZATIONS ACTIVE IN DISASTER, INC.

(Control Number: 21308738)

The undersigned, a majority of whom are citizens of the United States, desiring to form a Non-Profit Corporation under the Non-Profit Corporation Law of the state of Georgia, do hereby certify:

- 1. The name of the Corporation shall be Georgia Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster, Inc. (GVOAD). The jurisdiction is the state of Georgia.
- 2. The place in this state where the principal office of the Corporation is to be located in the city of Stone Mountain, DeKalb County.
- 3. GVOAD is organized pursuant to the Georgia Nonprofit Corporation Code. GVOAD will exclusively operate for charitable, scientific, literary, or educational purposes as defined in Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (hereinafter the "Code"). GVOAD is a humanitarian association of independent voluntary organizations who may be active in all phases of disaster. Its mission is to foster efficient, streamlined service delivery to people affected by disaster, while minimizing unnecessary duplication of effort, through cooperation in the four phases of disaster: preparedness, response, recovery, and mitigation.
 - a. In carrying out the foregoing purposes, GVOAD may engage in all activities permitted by the law incidental to or in furtherance of the above-stated purposes, except as restricted herein.
 - b. Notwithstanding the foregoing, GVOAD shall not possess or exercise any power or authority, either expressly, by interpretation or by operation of law, that would prevent it any time from qualifying and continuing to qualify as a corporation described in Section 501(c)(3) of the Code, nor shall it engage directly or indirectly in any activity which would cause the loss of such qualification.
- 4. The name and addresses of the persons who are the initial trustees of the corporation are as follow:

The President is Lanita Lloyd Vice President Luis Morales, Secretary is Kathy Shemwell, Treasurer is Alvin Kates

5. 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 Article Third hereof. 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 or in opposition to 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, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax

Resolution

of the Executive Committee of

Georgia Voluntary Organizations Active in Disasters

WHEREAS, Georgia VOAD is a validly existing nonprofit corporation in the State of Georgia (Control Number: 21308738),

WHEREAS, the Executive Committee of GEORGIA VOLUNTARY ORGANIZATIONS ACTIVE IN DISASTERS has deemed it advisable to change the name of GEORGIA VOLUNTARY ORGANIZATIONS ACTIVE IN DISASTERS to GEORGIA VOLUNTARY ORGANIZATIONS ACTIVE IN DISASTERS, INC. (GAVOAD)

WHEREAS, effectuating such name will require amendment to the Bylaws of GEORGIA VOLUNTARY ORGANIZATIONS ACTIVE IN DISASTERS,

WHEREAS, pursuant to Article XII of the Bylaws of GEORGIA VOLUNTARY ORGANIZATIONS ACTIVE IN DISASTERS the membership was provided with a copy of proposed amendment to the Bylaws of GEORGIA VOLUNTARY ORGANIZATIONS ACTIVE IN DISASTERS at least thirty days (30) prior to the meeting where such amendment was approved;

WHEREAS, on August 16th, 2022 a meeting of GEORGIA VOLUNTARY ORGANIZATIONS ACTIVE IN DISASTERS was held with at least one-third of the GEORGIA VOLUNTARY ORGANIZATIONS ACTIVE IN DISASTERS membership present.

WHEREAS, at the meeting held on August 16th, 2022 the membership of GEORGIA VOLUNTARY ORGANIZATIONS ACTIVE IN DISASTERS was presented with an opportunity to vote, viva voce, on the proposed name change and corresponding amendment to the Bylaws of GEORGIA VOLUNTARY ORGANIZATIONS ACTIVE IN DISASTERS.

WHEREAS, at least two thirds of the membership of GEORGIA VOLUNTARY ORGANIZATIONS ACTIVE IN DISASTERS present at the meeting held August 16th, 2022 approved such resolution;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: the name of GEORGIA VOLUNTARY ORGANIZATIONS ACTIVE IN DISASTERS is hereby changed from GEORGIA VOLUNTARY ORGANIZATIONS ACTIVE IN DISASTERS to GEORGIA VOLUNTARY ORGANIZATIONS ACTIVE IN DISASTERS, INC.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: the Executive Committee hereby amends the Bylaws of GEORGIA VOLUNTARY ORGANIZATIONS ACTIVE IN DISASTERS to remove all references to GEORGIA VOLUNTARY ORGANIZATIONS ACTIVE IN DISASTERS or any abbreviation thereof and replace such references with GEORGIA VOLUNTARY ORGANIZATIONS ACTIVE IN DISASTERS, INC., or any abbreviation thereof, if and as applicable.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this resolution has been passed by the Executive Committee and is hereby approved and effective on this day August 16th, 2022.

code, or (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 tax code.

If reference to federal law in articles of incorporation imposes a limitation that is invalid in your state, you may wish to substitute the following for the last sentence of the preceding paragraph: "Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, this corporation shall not, except to an insubstantial degree, engage in any activities or exercise any powers that are not in furtherance of the purposes of this corporation."

6. 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, 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.

In witness whereof, the undersigned has executed these Articles of Incorporation on 16th day of August, 2022.

Luis O. Morales

Vice-President