



**ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION
OF
GAYATRI-MANDIR HAWAIIAN GARDENS**

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**Article I
Corporate Name**

The name of this corporation (the "**Corporation**") is: Gayatri-Mandir Hawaiian Gardens.

**Article II
Corporate Purpose**

Section 2.01. Corporate Form and Purpose. This Corporation is a religious corporation and is not organized for the private gain of any person. It is organized under the Nonprofit Religious Corporation Law exclusively for religious purposes.

Section 2.02. General Exempt Purposes. This Corporation is organized and operated exclusively for religious purposes within the meaning of Internal Revenue Code (the "**Code**") § 501(c)(3) (or the corresponding provisions of any future federal tax law).

Section 2.03. Specific Exempt Purposes. This Corporation's specific purposes are, in addition to its religious purposes within the meaning of Code § 501(c)(3) (or the corresponding provisions of any future federal tax law), to:

(a) Operate a Hindu temple that is part of a global religious movement for moral, cultural, intellectual, and spiritual refinement, renaissance, and reconstruction founded by saint, reformer, writer, philosopher, spiritual guide and visionary Yug Rishi Pandit Shriram Sharma Acharya Ji for the great transformation of the era;

(b) Provide a living model for today of a futuristic society that has adapted the age-old wisdom of the Vedic Rishis, who practiced and propagated the philosophy of "the whole world is one family";

(c) Develop the divinity in human beings, material possessions, creative comforts, and sensual gratification;

(d) Enable human beings to attain their greatest height through the medium of Gayatri, the goddess of wisdom Upasana through the recitation of the Gayatri Mantra and Gayatri Yagna;

(e) Inculcate lofty idealism in individual families at large and to create heaven on earth; and

(f) To advance, promote, and facilitate through our religious rituals, sacraments, education, and service the following beliefs:

- (i) Rise of divinity in humankind, descent of heaven on earth;
- (ii) Practice of the ancient spiritual discipline of Yoga for inner peace of mind;

- (iii) Ascent and empowerment of Women, including through social reforms and service to women affected to domestic violence;
- (iv) Individual development, family development and social upliftment;
- (v) Healthy body, pure mind, and civilized society;
- (vi) Entire earth is one family;
- (vii) One nation, one language (love), one religion (humanity), one government (self-government);
- (viii) Equal opportunity for self-growth irrespective of caste, color or creed;
- (ix) Spiritual, moral, and cultural formation of children about Hindu culture and honest living; and
- (x) Relief of the poor and underprivileged in our local community.

**Article III
Service of Process**

Section 3.01. The name and California street address of this Corporation's initial agent for service of process are:

Harish Patel
22116 Pioneer Boulevard
Hawaiian Gardens, CA 90716-1241

**Article IV
Corporate Address**

The initial street address of this Corporation is:

22116 Pioneer Boulevard
Hawaiian Gardens, CA 90716-1241

The initial mailing address of the Corporation is:

22116 Pioneer Boulevard
Hawaiian Gardens, CA 90716-1241

**Article V
Membership**

This Corporation will not have members.

**Article VI
Duration**

The Corporation's duration is perpetual.

**Article VII
Powers**

The Corporation is a religious corporation and has all of the powers, duties, authorizations, and responsibilities as provided in the Nonprofit Religious Corporation Law. Notwithstanding any other provision of these Articles, the Corporation may not, except to an insubstantial degree, engage in any activities or exercise any powers that are not in furtherance of the purposes of the Corporation. Notwithstanding any other provision in these Articles, the Corporation may not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on by a corporation exempt from federal income tax under Code § 501(c)(3) or by a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under Code § 170(c)(2).

**Article VIII
Private Foundation Status**

Notwithstanding any other provision of these Articles of Incorporation, if the Corporation is, or is determined to be, a private foundation as described in Code § 509(a), then the Corporation must distribute assets in each taxable year at the time and in a manner that will avoid tax under Code § 4942(b). The Corporation is expressly prohibited from engaging in any act of self-dealing as defined in Code § 4941(d), from retaining any excess business holdings as defined in Code § 4943(c), from making any investments in a manner that will subject the Corporation to tax under Code § 4944, and from making any taxable expenditures as defined in Code § 4945(d).

**Article IX
Tax-Exempt Status**

Section 9.01. Political Activities. No substantial part of the activities of this Corporation shall consist of carrying on propaganda or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the Corporation shall not participate or intervene in (including publishing or distributing statements) any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office.

Section 9.02. Private Inurement. The property of the Corporation is irrevocably dedicated to religious purposes and no part of the net income or assets of the Corporation shall ever inure to the benefit of any director, officer, or member thereof or to the benefit of any private person.

Section 9.03. Dissolution. Upon the dissolution or winding up of this Corporation, its assets remaining after payment, or provision for payment, of all debts and liabilities of this corporation shall be distributed to a nonprofit fund, foundation or corporation which is organized and operated exclusively for religious purposes and which has established its tax-exempt status under Internal Revenue Code section 501(c)(3), provided that such organization conforms with and/or promotes the disciplines, doctrines, and teachings of All World Gayatri Pariwar and the Guru Pandit Shree Ram Sharma Acharya.

Dated: 9-18- 2024

Harish Patel
Harish Patel, Incorporator