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1400 E SOUTHERN AVE #425
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RE: HINDU TEMPLE OF ARIZONA
File Number: -0942234-0

We are pleased to notify you that your Articles of Incorporation were filed on March 23, 2000.

You must publish a copy of your Articles of Incorporation. The publication must be in a newspaper of general circulation in the county of the known place of business, for three (3) consecutive publications. An affidavit from the newspaper, evidencing such publication, must be delivered to the Commission for filing WITHIN NINETY (90) DAYS from the File Date.

All corporations transacting business in Arizona are required to file an Annual Report with the Commission, during the fourth (4th) month following the close of each fiscal year. Each year, a preprinted Annual Report Form will be mailed to you prior to the due date of the report.

If you have any questions or need further information, please contact us at (602) 542-3135 in Phoenix, (520) 628-6560 in Tucson, or Toll Free (Arizona residents only) at 1-800-345-5819.

Very truly yours,

RATIB NASIC
Examiner
Corporations Division
Arizona Corporation Commission

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ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION
OF

Hindu Temple of Arizona
(An Arizona Non-Profit Corporation)

LET IT BE KNOWN BY THIS DECLARATION:

That we, the undersigned, for the purpose of forming a corporation under the laws of the State of Arizona, join together to adopt Articles of Incorporation as follows:

ARTICLE I The name of the Corporation shall be Hindu Temple of Arizona.

ARTICLE II This Corporation is organized for the transaction of any and all lawful business for which corporations may be incorporated under the laws of the State of Arizona, as they may be amended from time to time.

ARTICLE III 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. The main aims and objectives of this Corporation is the advancement of Hindu religion or faith and through religious activities and the maintenance of the doctrines and tenets of the said religion or faith and of the observance that serve to promote and manifest it including the provision and maintenance of a Temple or Mandir for the purposes of public religious worship and other religious and charitable purposes.

ARTICLE IV. No part of the net earning of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its members, directors, 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 herein. 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 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 by a corporation exempt from Federal Income Tax, or by a corporation to which contributions are tax deductible.

ARTICLE V The name and address of the initial Statutory Agent of the Corporation, as

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well as the known place of business, is Jay A. Bansal, 1400 East Southern Avenue, Suite 425, Tempe, Arizona 85282.

ARTICLE VI The initial Board of Directors of the Corporation shall consist of five directors. The persons who are to serve as directors until their successors shall have been duly elected and qualified are as follows:

Sri Sri Sugunendra Theertha Swamiji
Sri Puthige Math
Udipi, Karnataka 576101 India

Dr. B. L. Ramakrishna
5043 West Harrison Street
Chandler, Arizona 85226

N. V. Shamasundar
14001 North 24th Avenue
Phoenix, Arizona 85023

Rao R. Anand
353 East Hiddenview Drive
Phoenix, Arizona 85048

Jayanthi Ananth
429 West Secretariat Drive
Tempe, Arizona 85284

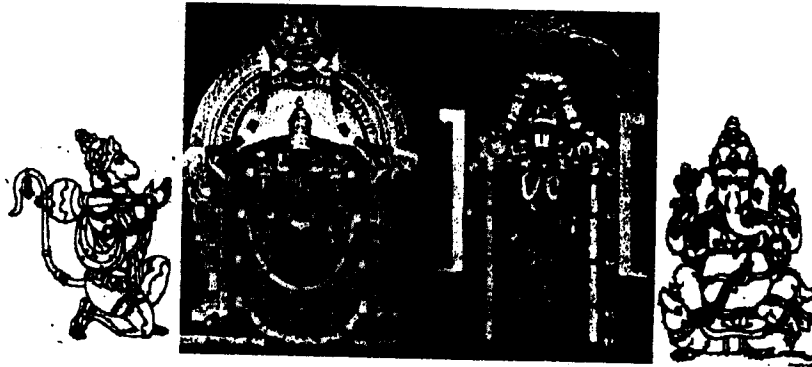
ARTICLE VII The incorporator of this Corporation is as follows:

Dr. B. L. Ramakrishna
5043 West Harrison Street
Chandler, Arizona 85226

All powers, duties, and responsibilities of the incorporator shall cease at the time of delivery of these Articles of Incorporation to the Arizona Corporation Commission for filing.

ARTICLE VIII The Corporation shall have members. The Corporation shall indemnify any person who may incur expenses by reason of the fact he/she is or was a member or agent of this Corporation. This indemnification shall be mandatory in all circumstances in which indemnification is permitted by law.

HINDU TEMPLE OF ARIZONA



All of us realize that a traditional Hindu temple will greatly enable the present and future generations of Hindus in the Greater Metropolitan Phoenix to help maintain our religious identity, heritage and culture. It will be a nucleus around which we can all gather and grow as a community.

His Holiness Sri Sri Sugunendra Theertha Swamiji, Matadhipathi of Udupi Puthige Mutt, visited Phoenix from Dec 28th 1999 to Jan 5th 2000. Over 500 people had the privilege of witnessing the grand poojas performed by the Swamiji and his disciples in various houses as well as listening to his lectures on the Bhagavad Geetha. Swamiji has initiated the Hindu Temple project of Phoenix on January 2, 2000 on the auspicious Ekadasi day and has kindly offered his spiritual guidance and leadership.

Formation of Hindu Temple of Arizona has been initiated and the required paperwork to obtain IRS approval for a nonprofit status is under preparation. We are happy to announce that within the last few days, more than 25 families have spontaneously donated a total of \$30,000 towards the cause of the Hindu Temple. On 5th January 2000, Swamiji made a humble beginning, by consecrating a shrine, presently in the west valley at 14001, N 24th Ave, Phoenix AZ. Arrangements are being made by Swamiji to send a priest to Phoenix to facilitate daily poojas and activities. The shrine is open to the public for daily poojas. Telephone contact number is (602) 375-2332.

A venture like this can only be accomplished with the involvement, participation, unity and help of the entire Hindu community in our area. We will keep you posted of the developments. **Please make your contributions by check made payable to:**

**Hindu Temple of Arizona
5043 West Harrison
Chandler, AZ 85226**

You can contact one of the following for any further information

Mr. Rao Anand	Tel: 480-759-5432
Mrs. Jayanthi Ananth	Tel: 480-491-2828
Dr. B.L.Ramakrishna	Tel: 480-940-6298
Mr. N.V. Shamasundar.	Tel: 602-375-2332

Hindu Temple of Arizona

Attachment No. 3

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<u>Name</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Compensation</u>
Sri Sri Sugnendra Theertha Swamiji Sri Puthige Math Udipi, Karnataka 576101 India	President	No Compensation
Mr. Dr. B.L. Ramakrishna 5043 West Harrison Street Chandler, Arizona 85226	Secretary	No Compensation
Mr. N. V. Shamasundar 14001 North 24th Avenue Phoenix, Arizona 85023	Treasurer	No Compensation
Mr. Rao. R. Anand 353 East Hiddenview Drive Phoenix, Arizona 85048	Director	No Compensation
Mrs. Jayanthi Ananth 429 West Secretariat Drive Tempe, Arizona 85284	Director	No Compensation

ARTICLE IX The Officers, who shall serve at the pleasure of the board of directors are:

President: Sri Sri Sugunendra Theertha Swamiji

Secretary: Dr. B. L. Ramakrishna

Treasurer: N. V. Shamasundar

ARTICLE X Upon the dissolution of the corporation, the Board of Directors shall, after paying or making provision for the payment of all of the liabilities of the corporation, dispose of all its assets exclusively for the purposes of the corporation in such a manner, or to such organizations organized and operated exclusively for charitable, educational, religious or scientific purpose as shall at that time qualify as an exempt organization by the Internal Revenue Service.

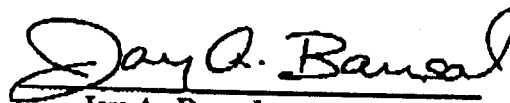
EXECUTED this 6th day of March, 2000 by all the incorporator(s).


Dr. B. L. Ramakrishna

Acceptance by Statutory Agent

Jay A. Bansal, having been designated to act as statutory agent, hereby consents to act in that capacity until it is removed, or submits its resignation, in accordance with applicable law.

Dated this 6th day of March, 2000.


Jay A. Bansal

Hindu Temple of Arizona

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Membership requirements and schedule of membership fees.

Membership is open to all without any restriction

Individual member	\$ 51.00 per year
Family membership	\$ 108.00 per year
Life member	\$ 1,008.00 or more
Charter donor member	\$ 2,000.00 or more
Asset Member	\$ 10,000.00 or more

HINDU TEMPLE OF ARIZONA

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Attachment NO. 5.

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Hindus refer to their religion as "Sanathana or the eternal Dharma" because it represents principles that hold good for all ages, circumstances and places. Dharma has a deeper and wider meaning than the word religion as it is generally understood. Dharma means to preserve or hold together. It is the essential nature of existence. People, things and in fact the entire cosmos all have their own Dharma. Hindus emphatically uphold that the essential nature of all things is divine and it is the Dharma of human beings to realize the divinity in them. In order to move towards this goal Hindus believe that one has to work selflessly, worship God devoutly and undertake intellectual studies of the sacred scriptures.

The sacred books of the Hindus can be divided into the following main categories: Srutis or revealed knowledge which include Vedas that are at least 4000 years old and Upanishads, Smritis or practical applications of eternal principles which include social, moral and ethical codes of conduct, Itihasas or epics such as Ramayana and Mahabharatha which includes the epic poem "Bhagavad Gita" the cream of the Upanishads and Bramha sutras which are a series of aphorisms interpreting philosophical teachings.

Hinduism is based on monoism though it seems that they worship thousands of Gods. The One is called "Bramhan", the Eternal spirit, the trilogy represents creation, preservation and destruction and the infinite others are just different forms of the same One. Most Hindus are idol worshippers, but in fact they are worshipping the formless One through the idol and not the form of idol itself.

Hinduism is, according to the famous Indian philosopher statesman and a past President of India Dr. S. Radhakrishnan, "a movement, not a position; a process, not a result; a growing tradition, not a fixed revelation. It is a theology, a philosophy, a social system and a way of life."