**GREATER ORLANDO BAPTIST ASSOCIATION**

**CONSTITUTION**

**ARTICLE I -- NAME**

 The name of this organization shall be Greater Orlando Baptist Association also known as “GOBA.”

**ARTICLE II -- PURPOSE**

 This association of autonomous Southern Baptist member churches exists to increase the effectiveness of member churches in fulfilling the Great Commission as described in Matthew 28:18-20, to share with and mutually benefit from a local caring fellowship of churches, and to develop synergistic cooperative ministries with each other and other Southern Baptist churches, associations, conventions, agencies, and boards. This includes promoting the cause of missions generally and specifically, assisting in the establishment of churches, Sunday Schools, missions, community ministry centers, and other institutions and agencies for education, evangelism, benevolence and charity; and it shall seek to advance the cause of Christ in all of its cooperating churches and missions in the community.

**ARTICLE III -- MEMBERSHIP**

 THE GREATER ORLANDO BAPTIST ASSOCIATION consists of cooperating member churches that are identified in the official membership directory published in its Annual Report.

 Churches that share our common Baptist doctrines, desire to participate in the local fellowship with sister churches, commit to the financial support of the Great Commission mission of the Association, and wish to be a part of Southern Baptist national and world missions may seek membership in this Association.

 Cooperating member churches shall be entitled to representation by a minimum of six messengers. Additional messengers are allowed as specified in the Bylaws. Procedures for withdrawal and removal of member churches are specified in the Bylaws.

**ARTICLES IV – EXECUTIVE OFFICERS**

 The Executive Director of Missions, as the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the Corporation, together with the Moderator, Vice-Moderator, Clerk, and the Treasurer serve as the Executive Officers of the Association who are authorized to sign and execute all legal documents approved by the Executive Board on behalf of the Association.

**ARTICLE V – AMENDMENTS TO CONSTITUTION**

 The amendments to this constitution must be approved by a three-fourths (¾) vote of the messengers at an Annual Celebration.