# ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

### **OF**

# SOUTHERN OUTER BANKS NEWS, INC.

This is to certify that I, the undersigned, being of the age of eighteen years or more, do hereby make and acknowledge these Articles of Incorporation for the purpose of forming a nonprofit corporation under and by virtue of the laws of the State of North Carolina as contained in Chapter 55A of the General Statutes of North Carolina, entitled "North Carolina Nonprofit Corporation Act," and the several amendments thereto.

### **ARTICLE I**

The name of the Corporation is Southern Outer Banks News, Inc.

#### **ARTICLE II**

The purpose for which the corporation is organized is for educational purposes as defined in § 501(3)(c) and not for profit, and any other lawful purpose.

To these ends it may take and hold by bequest, devise, gift, grant, purchase, lease, or otherwise, any property, real, personal, tangible or intangible, or any undivided interest therein, without limitation as to amount or value, to sell, convey, or otherwise dispose of any such property and to invest, reinvest, or deal with the principal or the income thereof in such manner as, in the judgment of the directors will best promote the purpose of the corporation without limitation, except such limitations, if any, as may be contained in the instrument under which such property is received, the Articles of Incorporation, the Bylaws of the Corporation, or any laws applicable thereto. It may perform any other act or thing incidental to or connected with the foregoing purposes or in advancement thereof, but not for the pecuniary profit or financial gain of its directors, trustees, or officers except as permitted under the Nonprofit Corporation Act. In furtherance of its corporate purposes, the corporation shall have all general powers enumerated in Section 55A-3-02 of the Nonprofit Corporation Act.

### **ARTICLE III**

The period of existence of the Corporation shall be perpetual.

# **ARTICLE IV**

The Corporation shall not have members, and the Board of Directors shall be elected or appointed in the manner provided in the Bylaws.

### **ARTICLE V**

The name and address of the incorporator is:

Dr. Anthony Jones Boyette 4915 Arendell St Morehead City, NC 28557 Carteret County

#### **ARTICLE VI**

The name and address of the initial registered agent and the registered office of the corporation shall be:

Dr. Anthony Jones Boyette 4915 Arendell St Morehead City, NC 28557 Carteret County

#### **ARTICLE VII**

The street address and county of the principal office of the corporation shall be:

Dr. Anthony Jones Boyette 4915 Arendell St Morehead City, NC 28557 Carteret County

# **ARTICLE VIII**

The number of directors constituting the initial Board of Directors shall be one, and the name and address of the person who is to serve as director until the first meeting of the Corporation or until his successors are elected and qualified are:

Dr. Anthony Jones Boyette 4915 Arendell St Morehead City, NC 28557 Carteret County

### **ARTICLE IX**

In the event of dissolution, the residual assets of the Corporation will be turned over to one or more organizations which themselves are exempt as organizations described in Section 501(c)(3) and 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code, or to the Federal, State or local government exclusively for public purposes.

### **ARTICLE X**

No part of the income of the Corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its 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 in the Articles.

#### **ARTICLE XI**

No part of the activities of the Corporation shall be carrying on propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, or participating in, or intervening in (including the publication 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 1986 (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 1986 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law).

#### ARTICLE XII

Directors shall have no personal liability for monetary damages arising out of an action whether by or in the right of the Corporation or otherwise for breach of any duty as a director. The elimination of liability shall not apply to (i) acts or omissions that the director at the time of the breach knew or believed were clearly in conflict with the best interests of the Corporation; (ii) any liability under Chapter 55A-8-32 or Chapter 55A -8-33 of the North Carolina General Statutes; (iii) any transaction from which the director derived an improper personal financial benefit; or (iv) acts or omissions occurring prior to the effective date of this provision. As used herein, the term "improper personal financial benefit" does not include a director's reasonable compensation or other reasonable incidental benefit for or on account of his service as a director, trustee, officer, employee, independent contractor, attorney or consultant of the corporation

This the 4th day of July, 2025.

Dr. Anthony Jones Boyette, Incorporator