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## PROVISIONS OF CHARTER OF ROLLINS COLLEGE

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### CHAPTER 4486, LAWS OF FLORIDA 1895

AN ACT to Incorporate an Institution of Learning at Winter Park,  
Florida, Under the Name of Rollins College.

**WHEREAS**, Rollins College, an educational institution duly incorporated under the statute of the State, April 28th, 1885, and located at Winter Park, Florida, desires to obtain ampler powers and an extended field of usefulness by means of a special charter from the State, therefore,

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA:**

**SECTION 1.** That Charles G. Fairchild, W. R. O'Neal, F. W. Lyman, Franklin Fairbanks, Rev. M. C. Welch, Rev. C. M. Bingham, F. E. Nettleton, Rev. F. S. Gayle, Rev. E. P. Herrick, Rev. Mason Noble, W. G. Peck, Rev. E. P. Hooker, D.D., E. P. Branch, J. B. Clough, Captain H. B. Shaw, Charles H. Smith, Rev. W. D. Brown, Warren F. Walworth, and their associates and successors in office, as trustees, are hereby constituted a body corporate with perpetual success, by and under the name of Rollins College, located at Winter Park, in the County of Orange and State of Florida.

**SECTION 2.** That the object of said College shall be to establish and forever maintain an institution of Christian learning; to promote the general interests of education; to qualify its students to engage in the learned professions or other employments of society; and to discharge honorably and usefully the various duties of life.

**SECTION 3.** That the number of trustees of said Rollins College shall never be less than nineteen (19) nor more than forty (40), which numbers shall always include the President of Rollins College as an *ex officio* Trustee.

**SECTION 4.** That the trustees mentioned in section first of this act, and their successors in office, shall have the power to elect their own successors and associates in perpetuity, voting therefore by ballot at a duly notified meeting, and for this purpose an affirmative vote of three-quarters (3/4) of the trustees present shall be necessary.

**SECTION 5.** That the term of office of said trustees shall be fixed by bylaw. But any trustee may be removed by a majority vote of entire Board of Trustees at any duly notified meeting.

**SECTION 6.** That said trustees shall have a common seal which may be altered by them at pleasure; they may sue and be sued; may plead and be impleaded in their corporate capacity

and name, and thereby shall have power to purchase, receive, and hold to them and their successors forever any lands, tenements, rents, goods, chattels, and property of any kind whatsoever which may be purchased by them, or may be devised, given, or bequeathed to them for use of said College, or any department thereof, and to sell, convey, lease, rent, or otherwise use or dispose of the same at such time, in such manner, and on such terms as to them may seem best adapted to promote the objects of the incorporation, not subversive of deeds of trust that may pertain to said property.

**SECTION 7.** That the trustees of said College shall have power to establish, as their judgment and the exigencies of the case may at any time require and as their funds and property may from time to time allow, and as a part of said College, schools of every description and grade.

**SECTION 8.** That all the institutions and schools provided for in this act shall be located and built on lands now owned by the said College at Winter Park, or upon other lands adjacent thereto, or in the vicinity thereof, which may hereafter be acquired.

**SECTION 9.** That the trustees of said College shall have power to confer upon such persons as they may deem deserving such academic and honorary degrees as are usual and customary in other colleges and universities.

**SECTION 10.** That the trustees of said College shall have authority from time to time to prescribe and regulate the course of studies to be pursued in said College and in all the departments thereto; to affix the rate of tuition, room rent, and other charges; to elect a president, professors, tutors, and teachers of every grade and such other officers and agents as in their judgment may be needed in the management of the institution; to define their powers, duties, and employments; to fix their compensation, to provide for, contract with, and pay the same; to displace or remove any or all of them; to fill vacancies which may occur; to erect necessary buildings; to purchase books, chemical and philosophical apparatus, and other suitable means to facilitate instruction; to provide for gymnastic or other healthful exercise; to put in operation a system of manual labor for the purpose of promoting the health of the students and lessening the expense of education; to make rules for the general management of the institution; and for the regulation of the conduct of the students.

**SECTION 11.** A majority of the board of trustees shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business; a less number may adjourn from time to time. The board shall not be controlled by a minority of board members or by organizations or interests separate from it.

**SECTION 12.** That the first meeting of the said trustees, under and pursuant to this act, shall be held in the town of Winter Park on the third Wednesday in February, A.D. 1896, and all subsequent meetings of the trustees shall be held at such time and such place and on such notice to members as the trustees shall by bylaws prescribe.

**SECTION 13.** That the buildings, apparatus, fixtures, furniture, and all improvements and all personal property belonging to and used in the management and support of said College for educational purposes only, and any land that said College may hereafter own or purchase for educational purposes, not exceeding five thousand acres (5,000), shall be and hereby is exempt from taxation for state, county, and municipal purposes, so long as it is used for educational purposes.

**SECTION 14.** This charter may be presented at the next annual meeting of the trustees of said College; provided, copies of the same have been handed or mailed to each trustee not less than three (3) weeks before said meeting, and if adopted by a three-quarters (3/4) vote of those present shall thereupon become the Constitution of the said Rollins College; the original Constitution of the said College adopted at the time of the incorporation being thereafter null, void, and of no effect.

**SECTION 15.** At the meeting provided for in the preceding section, upon the acceptance of this charter as therein provided, all the property and estate of whatsoever kind of the original incorporation of Rollins College then owned by the same or which it then shall have any title or claim shall become the property and estate of and shall vest in; and all liabilities, trust, and obligations of said prior corporation shall revolve upon and be assumed by the corporate body hereby created.

**SECTION 16.** That the trustees may make, adopt, and from time to time alter any such rules, regulations, and bylaws as their convenience may require, and are not inconsistent with the constitution and laws of the United States or of this State.

**SECTION 17.** This act shall be deemed a public act and so recognized by the courts of the State, and all laws and parts of laws conflicting with the provisions of this act shall be and the same are hereby repealed.

*(Approved May 17, 1895)  
(As Amended October 26, 1992; February 22, 2019)*