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**ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION  
OF  
THE CHILDREN OF LA MERCED CORPORATION**

The undersigned incorporator(s) of this Corporation, pursuant to Chapter 817, Florida Statutes, as amended, hereby forms a corporation not for profit and makes, subscribes and adopts the following Articles of Incorporation:

**ARTICLE I**

**NAME AND PLACE OF BUSINESS**

The name of this Corporation is THE CHILDREN OF LA MERCED CORPORATION. The principal place of business for the Corporation shall be located at 2401 Anderson Road, Unit 18, Coral Gables, Florida 33134;

**ARTICLE II**

**DURATION**

This Corporation is to have perpetual existence, unless earlier dissolved pursuant to law.

**ARTICLE III**

**PURPOSE**

THE CHILDREN OF LA MERCED CORPORATION Is A Not For Profit Corporation and shall operate exclusively for charitable purposes within the meaning of

Section 501(C)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code or corresponding successor code section thereof.

**ARTICLE IV**

**NON-STOCK CORPORATION**

The Corporation shall be non-stock, and no dividends or pecuniary profits shall be declared or paid to the members or directors thereof.

**ARTICLE V**

**INITIAL REGISTERED OFFICE AND AGENT**

The street address of the initial registered office of this Corporation is Richman Greer, P.A., 396 Alhambra Circle, North Tower 14<sup>th</sup> Floor, Coral Gables, Florida 33134. The name of the initial registered agent of the Corporation at that address is Manuel A. Garcia-Linares.

**ARTICLE VI**

**INITIAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

This Corporation shall have seven (7) directors initially. The number of directors may be increased from time to time by the By-Laws but shall never be less than three (3), as provided in section 617.0803 of the Florida Statutes, and any successors thereof. The name and address of the initial directors of this Corporation are as follows:

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**ADDRESS**

Dr. Andy S. Gomez

2401 Anderson Road, Unit 18  
Coral Gables, Florida 33134

Mr. Antonio Rivas Sr.

3230 Southwest 133<sup>rd</sup> Avenue  
Miami, Florida 33175

Mrs. Frances Serantes Gomez	2401 Anderson Road, Unit 18 Coral Gables, Florida 33134
Ms. Virginia Rivas	3230 Southwest 133 <sup>rd</sup> Avenue Miami, Florida 33175
Mrs. Ana Rivas	14955 Southwest 11 <sup>th</sup> Street Miami, Florida 33194
Mr. Jose Smith	655 University Drive Coral Gables, Florida 33134
Ms. Jeannie Smith	655 University Drive Coral Gables, Florida 33134
Mr. Alex Rivas	14955 Southwest 11 <sup>th</sup> Street Miami, Florida 33194

#### ARTICLE VII

#### ELECTION OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The manner in which directors are elected or appointed are to be conducted as provided in the By-Laws.

#### ARTICLE VIII

#### INCORPORATOR

The name and address of the person signing these Articles of Incorporation is Dr. Andy S. Gomez, whose address is located at 2401 Anderson Road, Unit 18, Coral Gables, Florida 33134.

#### ARTICLE IX

#### BY-LAWS

By-Laws shall be adopted, altered, amended or replaced by a majority vote of the Board of Directors and as provided in the By-Laws themselves. The By-Laws may

contain any provision for the regulation and management of the affairs of the Corporation not inconsistent with Florida law or the Articles of Incorporation.

**ARTICLE X**

**AMENDMENT**

From time to time any of the provisions of these Articles of Incorporation may be amended, altered or repealed, and other provisions authorized by the laws of the State of Florida and the federal laws governing charitable organizations at the time in force may be added or inserted in the manner and at the time prescribed by said laws, and all rights at any time conferred upon the members of the Corporation by these Articles of Incorporation are granted subject to the provisions of this Article X.

**ARTICLE XI**

**EFFECTIVE DATE**

The effective date for this corporation shall be: MARCH 16, 2016.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned incorporator has executed these Articles of Incorporation this 16<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2016.

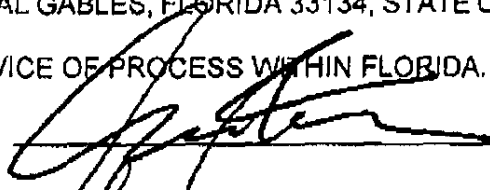
  
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Dr. Andy S. Gomez,  
Incorporator

**CERTIFICATE DESIGNATING PLACE OF BUSINESS OR DOMICILE FOR THE  
SERVICE OF PROCESS WITHIN FLORIDA, NAMING AGENT UPON WHOM  
PROCESS MAY BE SERVED**

IN COMPLIANCE WITH SECTION 48.091, FLORIDA STATUTES, THE FOLLOWING IS  
SUBMITTED:

DESIRING TO ORGANIZE UNDER THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA, WITH  
ITS PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS AT MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA HAS  
NAMED MANUEL A. GARCIA-LINARES, RICHMAN GREER, P.A., 396 ALHAMBRA  
CIRCLE, NORTH TOWER 14<sup>TH</sup> FLOOR, CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA 33134, STATE OF  
FLORIDA, AS ITS AGENT TO ACCEPT SERVICE OF PROCESS WITHIN FLORIDA.

SIGNATURE



DATE

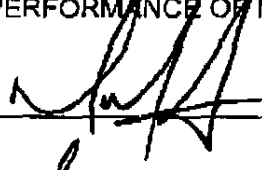
March 16, 2016

TITLE

Subscriber to Articles of Incorporation of  
The Children of La Merced Corporation

HAVING BEEN NAMED TO ACCEPT SERVICE OF PROCESS WITH THE ABOVE  
NAMED CORPORATION, AT THE PLACE DESIGNATED IN THIS CERTIFICATE, I,  
MANUEL A. GARCIA-LINARES, HEREBY AGREE TO ACT IN THE CAPACITY AND I  
FURTHER AGREE TO COMPLY WITH THE PROVISIONS OF ALL STATUTES  
RELATIVE TO THE PROPER AND COMPLETE PERFORMANCE OF MY DUTIES.

SIGNATURE



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