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# Articles of Incorporation

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The Booker T. Washington/Robert Russa Moton: National African-American Business League

We, the undersigned, hereby associate ourselves together for the purpose of becoming a League, not for profit under chapter 617, laws of the State of Florida, providing for the formation, liability, rights, privileges and immunities of a corporation not for profit.

### Article I: Name

The name of the League is The Booker T. Washington/Robert Russa Moton: National African-American Business League, Inc.

# Article II: Principal Office

The street address of the principal office is 1344 North Davis Street, Jacksonville, Florida 32209, but the League may maintain offices and transact business in such places, within or without the State of Florida, as may from time to time be designated by the Board of Directors. The Mailing address of The National African-American Business League, Inc., Inc. is 1344 North Davis Street, Jacksonville, Florida 32209.

### Article III: Duration

This Corporation shall exist perpetually. The date on which the League existence shall begin is the date on which these Article of Incorporation are filed with the Secretary of the State of Florida.

# Article IV: Purpose

The purpose for which this League is formed is exclusively charitable, educational, and methodical which consist of the following:

- A. To raise the economic, educational and social levels of the residents of moderate, low-, and very low-income distressed communities. This includes significantly unemployed, underemployed, or residents whose income is below federal poverty guidelines. Also, to foster and promote community wide interest and concerns for the problems of said residents such as: (a) educating and training of the people within the community: (b) providing economic opportunities that can be expanded by reducing poverty, crime, and environmental issues; and (c) eliminating economical exclusion and access to resources.
- B. To expand the opportunities to said residents, groups and organizations to own, manage, and operate business enterprises in economically depressed areas; to assist said residents, groups and organizations in developing entrepreneurial and management skills, necessary for the successful operation of business enterprises; and to assist said residents, groups and organizations in obtaining financial support from available resources.
- C. To expand opportunities to said residents, groups and organizations to obtain adequate low cost housing accommodations by constructing, rehabilitating, and providing decent, safe and sanitary housing in distressed communities for persons and families of moderate, low-, and very low-income who otherwise would not be able to find or afford a suitable place to live. It is the purpose of the League to empower the poor, distressed, underprivileged, disabled and indigent by enabling them to secure the basic human needs of decent shelter and thus lessen the burdens of government and promote self-sufficiency. To provide such housing through rehabilitation of existing substandard buildings and construction of new facilities in the place of blighted structures or blighted vacant sites for the purpose of combating the deterioration of the community and contributing to its physical improvement.
- D. To aid, support, and assist by contributions, or otherwise, other corporations, philanthropic foundation funds and foundations organized and operated exclusively for charitable and educational purposes. No part of the net earnings of which inures to the benefit of any private shareholder or individual, and no substantial part of the activities of which is carrying on propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation.

- E. To do any and all lawful activities which may be necessary, useful, or desirable for the furtherance, accomplishment, fostering or attaining of the foregoing purpose, either directly or indirectly, and either alone or in conjunction or cooperation with others, whether such others be persons or organizations of any kind or nature, such as corporations, firms, association, trust, institutions, foundations, or governmental bureaus, departments or agencies.
- F. All of the foregoing purposes shall be exercised exclusively charitable and educational in such a manner that the League will qualify as an exempt organization under section 501(c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue law.
- G. LEAGUE PURPOSES: Notwithstanding any other provisions of these articles, this organization shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on by an organization exempt from Federal and state income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 or the corresponding provisions of any future United States Revenue law.

### Article V: Limitation of Activities

- A. EXCLUSIVITY: The League is organized exclusively for charitable and educational purposes.
- B. NO PRIVATE INUREMENT: The League is not organized nor shall it be operated for the primary purpose of generating pecuniary gain or profit. The League shall not distribute any gains, profits or dividends to the Directors, Officers, or Members thereof, or to any individual, except as reasonable composition for services actually performed in carrying out the League's charitable and educational purposes. The property, assets profits and net income of the League are irrevocably dedicated to charitable and educational purposes no part of which shall inure the benefit of any individual.
- C. LOBBYING AND POLITICAL CAMPAIGNS: No substantial part of the activities of the League shall consist of the carrying on of propaganda or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the League shall not participate in, or intervene in, any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office.
- D. DISSOLUTION: The League may be dissolved with the assent given in writing and signed by not less than one-hundred percent (100%) of the directors. Upon winding up and dissolution of the League, the assets of the League remaining after payment of all debts and liabilities shall be distributed to an organization recognized as exempt under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to be used exclusively for charitable and educational purposes. If the League holds any assets in trust, such assets shall be disposed of in such a manner as directed by decree of the Circuit Court of the district in which the League's principle office is located, upon petition thereof by the Attorney General or by any person concerned in the liquidation.
- E. "PRIVATE FOUNDATION" PROVISIONS: In the event this League is considered to be a "Private Foundation" by the U.S. Internal Revenue Service under provisions of the United States Code the following provisions apply:
- 1.) The League will distribute its income for each tax year at a time and in a manner as not to become subject to the tax on undistributed income imposed by section 4942 of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code.
- II.) The League will not engage in any act of self-dealing as defined in section 4941(d) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code.
- III.) The League will not retain any excess business holdings as defined in section 4943 (c) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future tax code.
- IV.) The League will not make any investments in a manner as to subject it to tax under section 4944 of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future tax code.

V.) The League will not make any taxable expenditure as defined in section 4945 (d) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future tax code.

# Article VI: Election/Appointment of Directors

A. <u>Number</u>: The League shall have (3) directors initially. The affairs of this League shall be managed by a Board of Directors. The League shall be not less than three (3); provided however that the Board of Directors may, from to time, increase or decrease the number of Directors, so long as the number of directors do not exceed eleven (11). The method of election of directors shall be stated in the League's by-laws.

B. <u>Initial Board of Directors</u>: The names and the addresses of the initial directors who shall hold office until the first annual meeting of the members is as follows:

First name Nathaniel P. Richardson

5728 Hatcher Court

Jacksonville, Florida 32219

Second name James D. Alford, III

2046 College Circle, South Jacksonville, FL 32209

Third name George F. Carter

11557 Key Biscayne Drive Jacksonville, Florida 32218

# Article VII: Bylaws

The initial bylaws of this Corporation shall be adopted by the directors. Bylaws shall be adopted, altered, amended or repealed from time to time by either members of the board of directors.

# Article VIII: Amendments

The League reserves the right to amend or repeal any of the provisions contained in these Article of Incorporation or any amendments hereto. Written notice setting forth the proposed amendment or a summary of the change to be effected by the amendment must be given to each director between 15 and 30 days before the decision on the amendment. Such amendment shall require a one-hundred percent assent vote of all directors.

# Article IX: Initial Registered Agent Name and Address

The name of the initial registered Agent of this League is James D. Alford, III, and the street address of the initial registered Agent is 2046 College Circle South, Jacksonville, Florida 32209.

# Article X: Incorporators

The name and address of the incorporators are:

First name - Nathaniel P. Richardson, 5728 Hatcher Court, Jacksonville, Florida 32219 Second name - James D. Alford, III, 2046 College Circle South, Jacksonville, Florida 32209 Third name - George F. Carter, 11557 Key Biscayne Drive, Jacksonville, Florida 32218

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, We, the Incorporations, have made, signed and hereby acknowledge these Articles of Incorporation as of this day of, 2018	
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Nathaniel P. Richardson, Incorporator  James D. Alford, III, Incorporator	
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George F. Carrer, Incorporator	
STATE OF FLORIDA] COUNTY OF DUVAL]	
I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this day, before me, an officer duty authorized in Duval County, Florida to take acknowledgments, personally appeared Nathaniel P. Richardson, James D. Alford, III, George F. Carter, who has produced a Florida driver license as identification and who did not take an oath.	
WITNESS my hand and official seal in the County and State last aforesaid this day of	
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NOTART PUBLIC STATE OF FLORIDA NEVER M. SMITH	
Print Name No. M. Say Th. EXPIRES: May 23, 2018 My Commission Expire: Expires Rept North Strikes	
CERTIFICATE OF DESIGNATION OF 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 Statutes, the following is submitted:	
The Booker T. Washington/Robert Russa Moton: National African-American Business League, Inc. desiring to organize or qualify under the laws of the State of Florida with its principal place of business in the City of Jacksonville, County of Duval_State of Florida, has name James D. Alford, III, 2046 College Circle South,	y
Jacksonville, Florida 32209, as its agent of accept service of process within Florida.	
James Q. alford, Til	
(Print name)	
Director	
(Date) May 32, 2018	
Having been named to accept service of process for the above stated corporation, at the place designated the certificate, I agree to act in this capacity and I further agree to comply with the provision of all statutes relative the proper and complete performance of my duties.	
Janus D. alford , HT	
CAMES A ALFORD, THI	
(Print name)	