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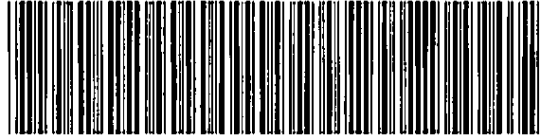
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**SUBJECT:** POVERTY ESCAPE INTL. INC.  
(PROPOSED CORPORATE NAME – MUST INCLUDE SUFFIX)

Enclosed is an original and one (1) copy of the Articles of Incorporation and a check for :

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FROM: ANTONETTE P. RUSSELL, ESQUIRE  
Name (Printed or typed)

6750 N ANDREWS AVE., STE 200  
Address

FORT LAUDERDALE, FL 33309  
City, State & Zip

754-281-7739  
Daytime Telephone number

povertyescapeintl@gmail.com  
E-mail address: (to be used for future annual report notification)

**NOTE: Please provide the original and one copy of the articles.**

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**ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION**  
**for**  
**POVERTY ESCAPE INTL, INC**  
**[ A Florida Corporation Not for Profit]**

The undersigned person, acting as incorporator, for the purpose of forming a Florida corporation not for profit, hereby adopts the following Articles of Incorporation:

**ARTICLE I**

**Name of Corporation**

The name of the corporation is:

**POVERTY ESCAPE INTL, INC.**

**ARTICLE II**

**Principal Place of Business and Mailing Address**

The principal place of business for the corporation is:

**6750 N. Andrews Ave., Ste 200**

**Fort Lauderdale, FL 33309**

The Board of Directors may from time to time move the principal office to any other address in Florida and establish branch offices at any other place within or outside the State of Florida. The mailing address of the corporation is:

**PO Box 26892**

**Tamarac, FL 33320**

**ARTICLE III**

**Purpose**

The is a corporation not for profit. The general purpose for which this corporation is organized, is to help the poor worldwide, exclusively for charitable, humanitarian, and educational purposes which will qualify it as an exempt organization under Internal Revenue Code (IRC) § 501(c)(3), or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue law, including for those purposes, the making of distributions to organizations which qualify as tax exempt organizations under that section.

**The specific purpose of the corporation not for profit will be to:**

- a. Work to erase roadblocks to a successful education for poor children internationally from the primary/elementary school to high school levels, such as:

1. Reduce the technology deficit in poorly funded schools located in low income and rural area schools worldwide, by equipping the schools with computers, student tablets, internet service and other technology items.
  2. Create, fund and implement breakfast and lunch programs for poor children internationally
  3. Provide needed education supplies for teachers and students worldwide
  4. Provide school uniforms, school shoes, school bags and personal hygiene items for underprivileged children internationally
  5. Eliminate period poverty for girls internationally.
  6. Provide academic scholarships and student national examination fee funding for at risk and poor children internationally
- b. Stamp out hunger and food insecurity worldwide.
- c. In furtherance of the above enumerated purposes and functions, and notwithstanding any other purposes not specifically mentioned in this article, the corporation may engage in any and all lawful charitable purposes under IRC Sec. 501(c)(3) and Florida law.

#### ARTICLE IV

##### Board of Directors and Corporation ByLaws

Bylaws of the corporation are to be made, offered, and rescinded by a majority of the Board of Directors present and voting at a regular or special business meeting.

- a. The Board of Directors shall elect the following officers: President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary and any other officers which the bylaws of this corporation authorize the directors to elect for board terms of two years.
- b. Any action required or permitted to be taken by the board of directors under any provision of law may be taken without a meeting, if all the members of the board individually or collectively consent in writing (emails included) to the action.
- c. Written consent or consents shall be filed with the minutes of the proceedings of the board, and any actions by written consent shall have the same force and effect as if taken by unanimous vote of the directors.
- d. Any certificate or other document filed under any provision of law that relates to action taken in this manner shall state that the action was taken by unanimous written consent of the board of directors without a meeting and that the articles of incorporation and bylaws of this

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corporation, authorize the directors to act in this manner. This statement shall be prima facie evidence of the directors' authority.

- e. The Board of Directors shall have the authority to take and receive by gift, grant, bequest, devise or otherwise any and all property of any kind or nature, without limitation as to amount or value, and to manage, administer, invest, reinvest, and dispose of the same, to administer endowment funds; to pay and/or apply the funds and property of the corporation, including the principal and the income thereof, to carry out the purpose of the corporation.
- f. Subject to the limitations and conditions contained in any gift, devise or bequest, to invest its funds in such mortgages, bonds, debentures, shares of preferred and common stocks and any securities and property as its Directors shall deem advisable, and to that end to purchase, sell, mortgage, lease, pledge, encumber, assign and transfer the same.

**ARTICLE V**

**Initial Board of Directors and Officers**

Initially, this corporation shall have four (4) directors. The number of directors may be increased depending on business needs. The directors shall hold office for the first year of existence of the corporation and until their successors are elected or appointed according to the bylaws. The name and address of the of the initial officers and directors are as follows:

**OFFICER DETAILS:**

**Title: CEO**

Russell, Antonette P., Esq.      Address: 6750 N Andrews Ave., Ste 200 Fort Lauderdale, FL 33309

**DIRECTOR DETAILS:**

**Title: President**

Burris, Mertella T., Esq.      Address: 6720 NW 39<sup>th</sup> Ln., Lauderhill, FL 33319

**Title: VP**

Ricketts-Coley, Natalie      Address: 2966 NW 124<sup>th</sup> Way, Sunrise, FL 33323

**Title: Treasurer**

Kelly, Leleitha L.,      Address: 3047 Brighton Ct., Conyers, GA 30094

**Title: Secretary**

Atkinson-Flowers, Nadine, Esq. Address: 1804 Cricket Ln., Folcroft, PA 19032

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**ARTICLE VI**

**Corporate Existence**

This corporation shall exist for a perpetual period of time and these Articles shall be effective upon receipt by the Florida Department of State.

**ARTICLE VII**

**Dissolution**

In the event of dissolution, the remaining assets of POVERTY ESCAPE INTL, INC., shall be transferred to a not for profit organization qualified and in good standing under Internal Revenue Code (IRC) § 501(c)(3).

**ARTICLE VIII**

**Prohibited Activities**

Notwithstanding any other provisions, the corporation *shall not* carry on any other activities not permitted by

- a. A corporation exempt under Internal Revenue Code (IRC) § 501(c)(3), or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue law.
- or**
- b. A corporation's contribution which are deductible which under Internal Revenue Code (IRC) § 170(c)(2), Internal Revenue Code (IRC) § 170(c)(3), or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue law.
- c. For any period in which the corporation is a private foundation within the meaning of 26 U.S. C. § 509 (a), the corporation shall also be subject to the following additional limitations:
  - 1. The corporation shall not engage in any act of self-dealing which is subject to tax under 26 U.S.C. § 4941.
  - 2. The corporation shall distribute such amounts for each taxable year at such time and in such manner as not to subject the corporation to tax on undistributed income under 26 U.S.C. § 4942.
  - 3. The corporation shall not retain any excess business holdings which are subject to tax under 26 U.S.C. § 4943.
  - 4. The corporation shall not make any investments which would jeopardize carrying out any of its exempt purposes as to subject the corporation to tax under 26 U.S.C. § 4944.
  - 5. The corporation shall not make any expenditures which are subject to tax under 26 U.S.C. § 4945.

- d. No part of the net earnings of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its members, directors, officers or other private person, except that the corporation shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for serviced rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth above.
- e. No substantial part of the activities of the corporation shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation. The corporation shall not participate in, or intervene in, including the publishing or distribution of any political statements, shall not participate in any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office.

**ARTICLE IX**

**Contracting Debt**

An Officer, with the approval of the Board of Directors, can enter into a contract for the corporation. He or She can execute and deliver any commercial instrument in the name of and on behalf of the corporation.

**ARTICLE X**

**Amendment**

These articles may be altered, amended or repealed and new articles may be adopted at any regular special meeting of the Board of Directors and ratified by the majority of the qualified directors.

**ARTICLE XI**

**Director Liabilities**

Liabilities arising from the normal course of business shall be borne by the company. Officers and Directors shall be indemnified for any out-of-pocket expenses and any other cost including personal defense attorney fees while being actively involved in the decisions of the company.

**ARTICLE XII**

**Registered Agent**

Antonette Patrice Russell, Esquire is the initial registered agent of **POVERTY ESCAPE INTL., INC.**, and her address is located at The Russell Law Firm, P.L. 6750 N Andrews Ave., Ste 200-2149 Fort Lauderdale, FL 33309.

Having been named as registered agent and to accept service of process for the above stated corporation **POVERTY ESCAPE INTL., INC.**, at the place designated in this certificate. I hereby accept the appointment as a registered agent and agree to act in this capacity. I further agree to comply with the provisions of all statutes relating to the proper and complete performance of my duties, and I am familiar with and accept the obligations of my position as registered agent as provided for in Chapter 607. of the Florida Statute.

12/04/2020  
Date

A. Russell  
Registered Agent's Signature

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**ARTICLE XIII**

**Incorporator Information**

The name and address of the incorporator is:

**Antonette Russell, Esquire**  
**6750 N Andrews Ave., Ste 200**  
**Fort Lauderdale, FL 33309**

The undersigned is the incorporator submitting these articles of incorporation, for the purpose of forming this corporation not for profit under the laws of Florida and affirms that the facts stated herein are true. The undersigned is aware that any false information submitted in a document to the Department of State constitutes a third-degree felony as provided for in Florida Statute § 817.155. I understand the requirement to file an annual report between January 1<sup>st</sup> and May 1<sup>st</sup> in the calendar year following formation of this corporation not for profit and every year thereafter to maintain active status.

These articles of incorporation have been executed on this 4<sup>th</sup> of December 2020.



**Antonette Patrice Russell, Incorporator**

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