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**ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION
OF
THE BETHEL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION**
of TALLAHASSEE, ~~IA~~Florida "Not For Profit" Corporation

The incorporators named herein, acting as incorporators of a corporation under Chapter 617 of Florida Statutes, by and through the undersigned incorporator, adopt the following Articles of Incorporation:

I. NAME OF CORPORATION:

The name of the corporation is:

The Bethel Community Development Corporation of Tallahassee, Florida, Inc.

II. PRINCIPAL OFFICE:

The principle office of the corporation is located at:

501 West Orange Avenue,
Tallahassee, Florida 32310

III. MAILING ADDRESS:

The mailing address of the corporation is:

Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church
501 West Orange Avenue
Tallahassee, Florida 32310

IV. REGISTERED AGENT:

The name of the registered agent of the corporation is: Dr. Adam J. Richardson, Jr.

The address of the registered agent is:

3715 Forsythe Way
Tallahassee, Florida 32308

V. DURATION/MEMBERSHIP

The period of duration is perpetual. The qualifications for members, and the manner of their admission shall be regulated by the bylaws.

VI. INITIAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

A. There shall be nineteen (19) directors on the initial Board of Directors.

Executive committee of the Board of Stewards of Bethel AME Church; Executive committee of the Board of Trustees of Bethel AME Church; Two at-large members of Bethel AME Church; two elected public officials; five members from the community.

B. The method of election by the Board shall be stated in the bylaws.

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C. The names and addresses of the initial Board of Directors are:

Adam J. Richardson, Jr.
3715 Forsythe Way
Tallahassee, Florida 32308

Dr. Nicholas E. Gaymon
426 Mercury Drive
Tallahassee, Florida 32310

Mr. George Drumming, Jr., Esquire
2623 Bantry Bay Drive
Tallahassee, Florida 32308

Dr. Charles Evans
851 Circle Drive
Tallahassee, Florida 32301

Dr. Joseph L. Webster, Sr.
4891 Highgrove Road
Tallahassee, Florida 32308

Dr. Freddie L. Groomes
3306 Wheatley Road
Tallahassee, Florida 32310

Mr. Hodges Abner
611 Fancee Street
Tallahassee, Florida 32310

Mr. William C. Proctor, Sr.
3313 N. Ridge Road
Tallahassee, Florida 32310

Dr. Johnnie Cue Blake
822 Millard Street
Tallahassee, Florida 32301

Mrs. Barbara Rouse
8318 Portsmouth Court
Tallahassee, Florida 32311

Ms. Flora Hall
3430 Sunnyside Drive
Tallahassee, Florida 32310

Mr. John D. Harris
549 W. 5th Avenue
Tallahassee, Florida 32303

Mrs. Patricia N. McGowan
2914 Morningside Drive
Tallahassee, Florida 32301

Dr. Melvin Stith
2588 Noble Drive
Tallahassee, Florida 32308

Mr. William Stevens, Esquire
743 E. 9th Avenue
Tallahassee, Florida 32302

The Honorable Ron Weaver
318 Meadow Ridge Drive
Tallahassee, Florida 32312

The Honorable Anita Davis
708 Bragg Drive
Tallahassee, Florida 32310

Dr. Ralph Turner
712 Brookridge Drive
Tallahassee, Florida 32310

Mr. Frank Williams
1704 Hillsgate Court
Tallahassee, Florida 32308

VII. INCORPORATORS

The names and addresses of the incorporators are:

Dr. Adam J. Richardson, Jr.
3715 Forsythe Drive
Tallahassee, Florida 32308

Dr. Joseph L. Webster, Sr.
3100 Ironwood Drive
Tallahassee, Florida 32308

Dr. Nicholas E. Gaymon
426 Mercury Drive
Tallahassee, Florida 32310

Dr. Freddie L. Groomes
3306 Wheatley Road
Tallahassee, Florida 32310

Mr. Frederic A. Peacock
614 N. Copeland Street
Tallahassee, Florida 32304

VIII. CORPORATE PURPOSES:

The purposes for which this corporation is formed are exclusively charitable, educational and scientific, and include, but are not limited to the following:

- 1) To raise the economic, educational and social levels of the residents of Leon County Florida, with particular focus upon members of the minority community and others who reside in the Southern regions of the County, who are substantially unemployed, underemployed, or whose income is below federal poverty guidelines.
- 2) To foster and promote community wide interest and concern for the problems of the above said residents to the end that (a) educational and economic opportunities may be expanded; (b) sickness, poverty, crime, and environmental degradation may be lessened; and (c) racial tensions, prejudice, and discrimination, both economic and otherwise, may be eliminated.
- 3) To expand the opportunities available to the above said residents and groups to own, manage, and operate business enterprises in economically depressed areas.
- 4) To assist residents and groups in developing entrepreneurial and management skills necessary for the successful operation of business enterprises; and to assist said residents and groups in obtaining financial support from other services.
- 5) To expand opportunities available to said residents and groups to obtain adequate low-cost housing accommodations by constructing, rehabilitating, and providing decent, safe and sanitary housing in Leon County for persons and families of low-income who otherwise would not be able to find or afford a suitable place to live. It is the purpose of the corporation, thereby, to relieve the poor, distressed, underprivileged and indigent by enabling them to secure the basic human needs of decent shelter and to thus lessen the burdens of government and promote the social welfare. Further, it is the intent of this corporation 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.
- 6) To aid, support, and assist by gifts, contributions, or other means of aid through association with other corporations, community chests, funds and foundations which are organized and operated exclusively for charitable, educational, or scientific 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.
- 7) To do any and all lawful activities which may be necessary, useful, or desirable for the furtherance, accomplishment, fostering, or obtaining of the foregoing purposes, 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, associations, trusts, institutions, foundations, or governmental bureaus, departments or agencies.
- 8) All of the foregoing purposes shall be exercised exclusively for charitable and educational purposes in such a manner that the Corporation 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.

IX. 501(C)(3) LIMITATIONS:

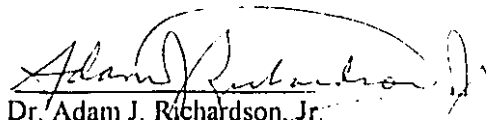
- A. CORPORATE PURPOSES:** Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, this organization shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on by an organization exempt from Federal and state income tax under section 501 (c)(3) of the Internal Revenue law.
- B. EXCLUSIVITY:** The Corporation is organized exclusively for charitable and educational purposes.
- C. NO PRIVATE INUREMENT:** The Corporation is not organized, nor shall it be operated, for the primary purpose of generating pecuniary gain or profit. The Corporation shall not distribute any gains, profits or dividends to the Directors, Officers, or Members of the Corporation, or to any individual, except as reasonable compensation for services actually performed in carrying out the Corporation's charitable and educational purposes. The property, assets, profits and net income of the Corporation are irrevocably dedicated to charitable and educational purposes, no part of which shall inure to the benefit of any individual.
- D. LOBBYING AND POLITICAL CAMPAIGNS:** No substantial part of the activities of the Corporation shall consist of the carrying on of propaganda or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the Corporation shall not participate in, or intervene in, any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office.
- E. DISSOLUTION:** Upon winding up and dissolution of the Corporation, the assets of the Corporation 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 Corporation holds any assets in trust, such assets shall be disposed of in such a manner as may be directed by decree of the Circuit Court of the district in which the Corporation's principal office is located, upon petition thereof by the Attorney General or by any person concerned in the liquidation.
- F. PRIVATE FOUNDATION STATUS:** In the event that this Corporation shall become a "private foundation" within the meaning of Section 509 of the Internal Revenue Code 1954, the Corporation shall distribute its income for each taxable year at such time and in such manner as not to subject it to tax under section 4942 of the Internal Revenue Code; shall not engage in any act of self-dealing as defined in section 4941(1) of the Internal Revenue Code; shall not retain any excess business holdings as defined in section 4943(c) of the Internal Revenue Code; shall not make any investments in such manner as to subject it to tax under section 4844 of the Internal Revenue Code; and shall not make any taxable expenditures as defined in section 4945(d) of the Internal Revenue Code.

X. **INDEMNIFICATION**

Any person (and the heirs, executors and administrators of such persons) made or threatened to be made a party to any action, suit or proceeding by reason of the fact that he is or was a Director or Officer of the Corporation shall be indemnified by the Corporation against any and all liability and the reasonable expenses, including attorney's fees and disbursements, incurred by him (or by his heirs, executors or administrators) in connection with the defense or settlement of such action, suit or proceeding, or in connection with any appearance therein, except in relation to matters as to which it shall be adjusted in such action, suit or proceeding that such Director or Officer is liable for negligence or misconduct in the performance of his duties. Such right of indemnification shall not be deemed exclusive of any other rights to which such Director or Officer (or such heirs, executors or administrators) may be entitled apart from this Article.

Execution

These Articles of Incorporation are hereby executed by the incorporators on this 23rd day of February, 1995, by and through the undersigned incorporator.


Dr. Adam J. Richardson, Jr.
Incorporator

STATE OF FLORIDA
COUNTY OF LEON

Execution of the foregoing Articles of Incorporation was acknowledged before me this
23rd day of Feb., 19 95, by Dr. Adam J. Richardson, Jr. who
produced his driver's license as identification.

Linn Ann J. Griffin
NOTARY PUBLIC, STATE OF FLORIDA

Linn Ann J. Griffin
(Type, Print or Stamp Name)

My Commission Expires:



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**REGISTERED AGENT'S
ACCEPTANCE OF APPOINTMENT**

I, Adam J. Richardson, Jr, hereby accept my appointment as registered agent for the Bethel Community Development Corporation of Tallahassee, Florida, Inc., a Florida not for profit corporation. I am familiar with, and accept, the obligations of the position of registered agent, and agree to comply with the provisions of all statutes relating to the proper performance of my duties.


February 23, 1995
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