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SUBJECT: The Philippine-American Association of Gainesville and Surrounding Areas, Inc.
(Proposed corporate name - must include suffix)

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

\$70.00
Filing Fee

\$78.75
Filing Fee &
Certificate of
Status

\$78.75
Filing Fee
& Certified Copy

\$87.50
Filing Fee,
Certified Copy
& Certificate

ADDITIONAL COPY REQUIRED

FROM: Dr. Gilbert C. Sigua
Name (Printed or typed)

3531 NW, 65th Lane
Address

Gainesville, FL 32653
City, State & Zip

904-329-4821; SC 860-4821
Daytime Telephone number

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

ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

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The undersigned incorporator, for the purpose of forming a corporation under the Florida Not for Profit Corporation Act, hereby adopt(s) the following Articles of Incorporation:

ARTICLE I NAME

The name of the corporation shall be:

Philippine-American Association of Gainesville and Surrounding Areas, Incorporated

ARTICLE II PRINCIPAL OFFICE

The principal place of business and mailing address of this corporation shall be:

PAG-ASA
P.O. Box 5485
Gainesville, FL 32602-5485

ARTICLE III PURPOSE(S)

The specific purpose(s) for which the corporation is organized is(are):

Please refer to the attached portion of the Association's Constitution and By-Laws.

ARTICLE IV MANNER OF ELECTION OF DIRECTORS

The manner in which the directors are elected or appointed is:

Board of Directors and Executive Officers are elected officials.

ARTICLE V INITIAL REGISTERED AGENT AND STREET ADDRESS

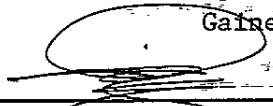
The name and Florida street address of the initial registered agent are:

Dr. Gilbert C. Sigua
3531 NW, 65th Lane
Gainesville, FL 32653

ARTICLE VI INCORPORATOR

The name and address of the Incorporator to these Articles of Incorporation are:

Mr. Angelito Izon
8522 NW, 35th Road
Gainesville, FL 32605




Signature/Incorporator

4/8/99

Date

(An additional article must be added if an effective date is requested.)

Having been named as registered agent and to accept service of process for the above stated corporation at the place designated in this certificate, I hereby accept the appointment as 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.



Signature/Registered Agent

4/8/99

Date

**THE PHILIPPINE-AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF
GAINESVILLE AND SURROUNDING AREAS, INCORPORATED**

THE CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE I: NAME

Section 1. The name of the organization shall be the Philippine-American Association of Gainesville and Surrounding Areas (PAGASA), Inc., herein after referred to as the Association.

ARTICLE II: OBJECTIVES

Section 1. The objectives of the Association shall be:

- Clause a) To pursue activities that foster goodwill, friendship, and camaraderie and strengthen cultural ties among the Filipino-American residents of Gainesville and surrounding areas
- Clause b) To organize social, cultural, and spiritual activities for a better understanding of Philippine culture and historical awareness of Philippine civilization.
- Clause c) To support and engage in activities that foster and preserve the Filipino heritage, and at the same time show its relevance to our adopted society.
- Clause d) To support and engage in socio-political activities pertaining to the rights of the Filipino people, here and abroad.

Section 2. The Association shall be a charitable, non-sectarian, non-partisan, non-profit, non-stock, and civic organization.

ARTICLE III: OFFICES AND LOCATIONS

Section 1. The existence and administration of the Association is in effect as of April 7, 1996.

Section 2. The address of the Association is P.O. Box 5485, Gainesville, FL. 32602-5485.

ARTICLE IV: MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. The Association shall have the following categories of members:

- Clause a) Regular Member - Any person 18 years of age or older may become a regular member on payment of membership dues. Any dependent of a regular member is eligible to become a member of the Association.
- Clause b) Honorary Member - The Association, upon approval of the Board of Directors, may confer the honorary membership on a person, regardless of race, who has made significant contributions towards the achievement of the stated objectives of the Association.

Section 2. Annual membership dues is \$20.00 per family, \$10.00 for single membership, and \$5.00 for student member.

ARTICLE V: ORGANIZATION AND ADMINISTRATION

Section 1. *The BOARD OF DIRECTORS*: The Association shall have a Board of Directors which will have the final authority in the management of the Association.

Clause a) The Board of Directors shall consist of the Chairman, Vice-Chairman, and three (3) Board Members.

Clause b) The Board of Directors shall provide the general policy guidelines and shall advise the Executive Committee as necessary. The Board of Directors shall review all proposals to amend the Constitution and the by-laws of the Association. The Board of Directors shall have the authority to suspend /expel a member on the ground of misconduct detrimental to the Association. The Board of Directors shall approve annual budget of the Association.

Clause c) The Board of Directors shall meet at least once a year, but not limited to participate during the quarterly meeting of the Executive Committee.

Clause d) The Board of Directors shall be nominated and elected by the general assembly of membership during the annual meeting (Easter Sunday) and shall serve for four (4) years.

Section 2. *The EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND THE OFFICERS OF THE ASSOCIATION*

Clause a) The administration of the Association shall be vested on the Executive Committee which will consist of Officers of the Association. The Officers will be the President, the Executive Vice-President, the Secretary, the Treasurer, the Auditor, and the Public Relation Officer (PRO).

Clause b) The Officers shall be elected by the general assembly of membership of the Association and shall serve for two (2) years.

Clause c) The duties of the Officers shall be as specified in the By-Laws of the Association.

Section 3. Board of Advisers: The Board of Directors and Executive Committee shall nominate Board of Advisers of the Association.

ARTICLE VI: COMMITTEES AND SUBCOMMITTEES

Section 1. The President, in consultation with the Board of Directors and other Executive Committee members, shall appoint any Committee or Subcommittee as deemed necessary. The objective, tenure, and power of such Committee or Subcommittee shall be clearly defined in writing by the President at the time of appointment.

Section 2. All committees created by the Association shall report to the Executive Committee for approval of its action.

ARTICLE VII: INTERPRETATION OF THE CONSTITUTION

Section 1. All proceedings under this Constitution including those of the Board of Directors, the Executive Committee, and the Committees shall be governed by the provisions of this Constitution and its By-Laws.

Section 2. In any events of disputes in the interpretation of a provision of the Constitution or By-Laws, the judgment of the Board of Directors shall govern.