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# **Articles of Incorporation of CERESSA'S ENRICHMENT AND EMPOWERMENT ACADEMY INC.**

*Pursuant to the provisions of section 617.1006, Florida Statutes,  
The undersigned Florida nonprofit corporation adopts the following articles of organization*

## **Article I: Name of the Corporation**

The name of the corporation shall be:  
CERESSA'S ENRICHMENT AND EMPOWERMENT ACADEMY INC.

## **Article II: Principal Office**

The principal place of business shall be  
3140 North West 21 Ave.  
Oakland Park, Florida 33309

## **Article III: Mailing Address**

The mailing address shall be  
2301 North West 41<sup>st</sup>. Avenue #305  
Lauderhill, Florida 33313

## **Article IV: Purpose**

CERESSA'S ENRICHMENT AND EMPOWERMENT ACADEMY is organized exclusively for Charitable, religious, educational, and scientific purposes, including, for such purposes, the making of distributions to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

CERESSA'S ENRICHMENT AND EMPOWERMENT ACADEMY is a multifaceted, value and moral oriented community educational organization designed to operate as a community enrichment and empowerment tool assisting and educating children and parents in communities with failing schools located in the Broward County, Dade County and Palm Beach County public and private school sectors. The Corporation is licensed presently in the State of Florida.

1. CERESSA'S ENRICHMENT AND EMPOWERMENT ACADEMY shall be an inclusive child care program providing a safe and nurturing environment, with a cultural enriching program that promotes cultural diversity and sensitivity. The academy shall promote the cognitive, physical, intellectual, social and emotional development of its students while assisting and educating the parents and all qualifying and participating members in the student's household. The corporation shall set, establish and meet the highest quality of child care standards as set by the State, Federal Government and Child Care licensing agencies in Florida.
2. CERESSA'S ENRICHMENT AND EMPOWERMENT ACADEMY shall provide before and after care programs that will provide leadership skills, mentoring and tutorial classes that will address deficits in school, grades and behavioral performance.
3. CERESSA'S ENRICHMENT AND EMPOWERMENT ACADEMY shall develop and build students through positive role modeling, positive reinforcement and rewards.

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4. CERESSA'S ENRICHMENT AND EMPOWERMENT ACADEMY programs will provide parental empowerment as well as community involvement and empowerment. (CEAEA) will use a comprehensive approach to identify community issues involving the Reclaiming of our Adolescents, Families, Individuals as well as seniors, veterans and their immediate families. Staff, volunteers and concerned community participants will utilize census data and vital statistics about the city and county to identify unmet pressing needs experienced by the residents in those communities. This data as well as surveys will provide insight into developing and implementing programs that will address the health, social, financial and educational needs of children, youth, the elderly, and other community needs. As a result of these needs assessments and utilized data the hard to reach populations within our communities will become active participants and members of change in producing a productive society and community.
5. CERESSA'S ENRICHMENT AND EMPOWERMENT ACADEMY programs will not be limited in scope and nature. Services and programs are designed to enhance and build an awareness of self, family, others and the resources needed to combat barriers to healthy and productive living in their communities and surrounding areas. With the economic climate as it exist now; (CEAEA) can ill afford to remain limited to daycare and aftercare availability.
6. CERESSA'S ENRICHMENT AND EMPOWERMENT ACADEMY shall not discriminate based on race, creed, culture, religious convictions or beliefs, sexual orientation, gender, financial status or marital status. All individuals or participants are entitled to receive quality services and program participation.

## **Article V: Registered Agent and Registered Office**

The name and street address of the Registered Agent and Registered Office are:

Betty J. Gilmore  
811 South West 28<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33312

## **Article VI: Indemnification and Limitation of Liability**

1. The Corporation shall indemnify any officer or President or any former officer of the corporation, to the full extent permitted by law. The private property of the member or officer, or president shall not, unless otherwise provided by law, be subject to the payment of the corporate debts to any extent whatsoever.
2. No part of the net earnings of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its member, trustees, officers, or other private persons, except that the corporation shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth in Article IV hereof.
3. No substantial part of the activities of the corporation shall constitute the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the corporation shall not participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of or in opposition to any candidate for public office.
4. Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, the corporation shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by a corporation exempt from federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or (b)

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## **Article VII: Dissolution and Division of Assets**

Upon the dissolution of the corporation, assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of section 501(c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or to other non profit corporations for a public purpose. Any such assets not disposed of shall be disposed of by the Court of Common Pleas of the county in which the principal office of the organization is then located, exclusively for such purposes or to such organization or organizations, as the court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for non-profit purposes.

## **Article VIII: Manner of Election**

***Appointment of Officers:*** The President and Board of founding officers appoint Members of the Board of Directors and determine the number of directors that shall sit on the Board. Vacancies arising due to a terminating event shall remain unfilled until the next annual meeting with duties assumed by other members. Full control of the affairs of the Corporation shall be vested with the President and Vice-President who cannot be elected to office or removed from office.

***Term of Office:*** No maximum tenure for any one office on the Board of Directors exists.

***Removal from office:*** A member(s) of the Board of Directors may be removed for just cause by the President and/or Vice-President of the Board.

## **Article IX: Membership**

The membership shall represent neighborhood based agencies, recipient neighborhoods and the community at large. Any charitable, scientific, health and educational agency may become a member as well as students enjoined to the programs provided by the corporation.

## **Article X: Officers**

The officers of the Corporation shall consist of the following: Chair of the Board of Directors, Executive Director, Secretary, Treasurer and such other officers as the President of the Board of Directors may designate from time to time.

## **Article XI: Duration of Existence**

The corporation is organized on a non-stock basis and shall be considered established and in existence as of the 5<sup>th</sup> day, prior to the date of receipt by the Department of Corporations. This corporation shall exist as a perpetual entity unless designated as otherwise by the President or Vice-President of the corporation.

## **Article XII: Amendment**

The Corporation reserves the right to amend or repeal any provisions contained in these Articles of Incorporation, or any amendment hereto, and any right conferred upon the members, partners or officers are subject to this reservation.

## **Article XIII: Bylaws**

This Corporation shall abide by the operating guidelines provided by the bylaws adopted by CERESSA'S ENRICHMENT AND EMPOWERMENT ACADEMY. The Bylaws may be altered, amended or repealed by the President/Founder. The Board of Directors may amend or repeal any bylaws as directed by the President /Founder and founding officers.

# Articles of Incorporation of

**CERESSA'S ENRICHMENT AND EMPOWERMENT ACADEMY INC.**

*Pursuant to the provisions of section 617.1006, Florida Statutes,*

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## Article XIV: Initial Officers /Directors

President/Founder: Linda Harris  
2301 North West 41<sup>st</sup>. Avenue #305  
Lauderhill, Florida 33313

Vice-President: Tammorah Jackson  
500 Long Island Ave.  
Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33312

Treasurer: Lakiela Harris  
2301 North West 41<sup>st</sup>. Avenue #305  
Lauderhill, Florida 33313

Secretary: Nisha Nicosia  
2301 North West 41<sup>st</sup>. Avenue #305  
Lauderhill, Florida 33313

Register Agent: *Betty J. Williams*  
811 South West 28<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
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## XIV Incorporator

The name and address of the Incorporator is:

Linda Harris  
2301 North West 41<sup>st</sup>. Avenue #305  
Lauderhill, Florida 33313

*Linda E. Harris*

The foregoing Articles were adopted and approved by the officers of the corporation on this the *12/24* day of December 2010, in witness whereof, the undersigned, being the President, and the Registered Agent of this Corporation, signs and execute these Articles of Incorporation.

*Linda E. Harris*  
President: Linda Harris

Having been named as registered agent to accept service of process for the above stated corporation at the place designated in this certificate, I am familiar with and accept the appointment as registered agent and agree to act in this capacity.

RAFI International Inc.

R.A. *Betty J. Williams*