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# ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF THE COUNCIL OF GRANDPARENTS RAISING GRANDCHILDREN, INC.

(A Florida Corporation Not for Profit)

# ARTICLE 1

#### Name

The name of this corporation is THE COUNCIL OF GRANDPARENTS RAISING GRANDCHILDREN, INC. (hereinafter called the "Corporation").

#### ARTICLE 2

# Principal Place of Business and Mailing Address

The address of the principal office of the Corporation shall be c/o Advocates PTA, 1450 NE 2 Avenue, #103, Miami, Florida 33132.

## **ARTICLE 3**

## Duration

The period of the duration of the Corporation is perpetual unless dissolved according to law.

#### **ARTICLE 4**

# **Purpose**

The Corporation is organized exclusively for educational and charitable purposes and for the prevention of cruelty to children, including for such purposes, the making of contributions to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations under Section 501(c)(3) of the United States Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"), or the corresponding section of any future Federal tax code.

# **ARTICLE 5**

#### **Powers**

The Corporation shall have the power to acquire, own, maintain and use its assets for the purposes for which it is organized; to raise funds by any legal means for the advancement of its

purposes; to acquire, hold, own, use and dispose of real or personal property in connection with the purposes of the Corporation; and to exercise all powers necessary or convenient to the furtherance of the purposes for which the Corporation is organized; and to exercise all powers granted to a corporation not for profit under Florida law. In addition to the powers specified herein, the Corporation shall have any additional powers that may be specified in the Bylaws.

#### ARTICLE 6

# **Management**

Management of the Corporation shall be vested in the Corporation's Board of Directors which shall consist of not less than three directors. The number and method of election of the directors of the Corporation who shall serve following the terms of the initial directors named herein shall be as stated in the Bylaws.

#### ARTICLE 7

# **Initial Board of Directors**

The number constituting the initial Board of Directors of the Corporation is Eleven (11). The names and addresses of the persons who shall serve as the initial Board of Directors of the Corporation are as follows.

The initial Coalition Directors (as such term shall be defined in the Bylaws) are:

Dr. Freeman Wyche 1295 NW 67<sup>th</sup> Street Miami, Florida 33147

Mary Scull Brown 3720 Harland Street Coral Gables, Florida 33134-7195

Marjorie Okasako 964 W. 48 Place Miami, Florida 33139

Marilyn Bloom 29 Island Avenue, #308 Miami, Florida 33139 The initial Support Group Directors (as such term shall be defined in the Bylaws) and the Support Groups (as such term shall be defined in the Bylaws) that they represent are:

Edna Latson 1440 NW 69th Street Miami, Florida 33147 (representing Culmer Community Center Support Group)

Barbara Sullivan 1940 NW 55<sup>th</sup> Street Miami, Florida 33142 (representing Harris Field YMCA Support Group)

Cora Stewart 1545 NW 30<sup>th</sup> Street Miami, Florida 33142 (representing Phillis Wheatly Elementary School Support Group)

Gloria Perry 3914 NW 207 Street Miami, Florida 33169 (representing North Dade Public Library Support Group)

Atha N. Reed
1841 NW 69 Terrace
Miami, Florida 33147
(representing Helen Bentley Health Center Support Group)

Cassandra Nelson
11471 SW 225 Street
Goulds, Florida 33170
(representing CAA Isaac Withers Community Center Support Group)

Eartha Walker 815 NW 50 Street Miami, Florida 33127 (representing Linda Ray Intervention Center Support Group)

#### **ARTICLE 8**

# **Members**

The Corporation shall have members, which shall be Support Groups (as such term shall be defined in the Bylaws) and Coalitions Members (as such term shall be defined in the Bylaws). The additional qualifications for membership in the Corporation, the method of selecting and admitting members to the Corporation and the rights and responsibilities of members shall be as set forth in the Bylaws.

# ARTICLE 9

# **Disposition of Assets upon Dissolution**

Upon dissolution of the Corporation, any assets remaining after the payment of its debts shall be disposed of by transfer to one or more organizations that are described in section 501(c)(3) and in section 502(a)(1), (2) or (3) of the Code, or corresponding sections of any future Federal tax code, to be used for one or more of the purposes of the Corporation, or to the State of Florida or any political subdivision or agency thereof to be used exclusively for public purposes, in such proportions as the Board of Directors of the Corporation shall determine. Any such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by a Florida court of competent jurisdiction of the county in which the principal office of the Corporation then is located, exclusively for public purposes or to such organization or organizations, as said court shall determine, that are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.

Notwithstanding any provision herein to the contrary, nothing herein shall be construed to affect the disposition of property and assets held by the Corporation upon trust or other condition or subject to an executory or special limitation, and such property, upon dissolution of the Corporation, shall be transferred in accordance with the trust, condition or limitation imposed with respect to it.

# ARTICLE 10

#### Restrictions

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 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 4 hereof.

No substantial part of the activities of the Corporation shall be the carrying on of propaganda or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the Corporation shall not participate 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.

Notwithstanding any other provision of these Articles of Incorporation, the Corporation shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (i) by a corporation exempt from Federal income tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Code, or corresponding section of any future Federal tax code, or (ii) by a corporation to which contributions are deductible under Sections 170(c)(2), 2055, 2106(a)(2) and 2522 of the Code or corresponding sections of any future Federal tax code.

In the event that the Corporation shall be considered to be a private foundation, as such term is defined in Section 509(a) of the Code or corresponding section of any future Federal tax code, then in that event, the Corporation:

- A. shall distribute its income for each tax year at such time and in such manner as not to become subject to the tax on undistributed income imposed by Section 4942 of the Code, or corresponding section of any future Federal tax code; and
- B. shall not (i) engage in any act of self-dealing, as defined in Section 4941(d) of the Code or corresponding section of any future Federal tax code; (ii) retain any excess business holdings, as defined in Section 4943(c) of the Code or corresponding section of any future Federal tax code; (iii) make any investments in such manner as to subject it to tax under Section 4944 of the Code or corresponding section of any future Federal tax code; or (iv) make any taxable expenditures, as defined in Section 4945(d) of the Code or corresponding section of any future Federal tax code.

#### ARTICLE 11

# **Indemnification of Directors**

The Corporation shall indemnify and advance expenses to, and may purchase and maintain insurance on behalf of, its officers and directors to the fullest extent permitted by law as in effect now or hereafter. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the Bylaws may provide for indemnification and advancement of expenses to officers, directors, employees and agents on such terms and conditions as the Board of Directors may deem appropriate or advisable from time to time.

## **ARTICLE 12**

#### **Bylaws**

The bylaws of the Corporation (the "Bylaws") shall be adopted initially by the affirmative vote of a majority of the initial Board of Directors. The Bylaws may contain any provisions for the regulation and management of the affairs of the Corporation not inconsistent with law or with these Articles of Incorporation and shall contain one or more provisions setting forth rules for the amendment or repeal and replacement of the Bylaws and the definitions and rules required by Articles 6, 7 and 8 hereof.

# **ARTICLE 13**

# **Amendment**

These Articles of Incorporation shall be amended only by a two-thirds (2/3) vote in the affirmative of the entire Board of Directors.

# **ARTICLE 14**

# Registered Office/Registered Agent

The street address of the Corporation's initial registered office in the State of Florida is: 1880 NE 163 Street, Second Floor, North Miami Beach, Florida 33162 and the name of its initial registered agent at such office is: Marc Abrams.

# **ARTICLE 15**

# **Incorporator**

The name and address of the sole incorporator is: Maury R. Olicker located at 28th Floor SunTrust International Center, One Southeast Third Avenue, Miami, Florida 33131-1714 (hereinafter called the "Incorporator").

Maury R. Olicker, Incorporator

# ACCEPTANCE OF APPOINTMENT OF REGISTERED AGENT

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.

Marc Abrams, Registered Agent

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