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RE: Florida Black Surety Agents Association  
Formation of Florida Not-for-Profit Corporation

Dear Division of Corporations:

I have enclosed for filing an original and a copy of the Articles of Incorporation for the Florida Black Surety Agents Association and the Certificate of Designation of Registered Agent and Registered Office.

Please file the Articles and Certificate, certify one copy, and provide a certificate of good standing. Our messenger will pick up the certified copy and certificate of good standing tomorrow afternoon.

I have enclosed a check in the amount of \$87.50 for the filing and certification fees.

Please call me if you have any questions. Thank you for your prompt assistance in this matter.

Very truly yours,

*Jessica J. Ferreri*

Jessica J. Ferreri  
Legal Assistant

Enclosures

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Katherine Harris  
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September 12, 2000

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SUBJECT: FLORIDA BLACK SURETY AGENTS ASSOCIATION  
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We have received your document for FLORIDA BLACK SURETY AGENTS ASSOCIATION and your check(s) totaling \$87.50. However, the enclosed document has not been filed and is being returned for the following correction(s):

The purpose contained in your articles of incorporation should be more specific. Please correct your articles to reflect the specific purpose for which the corporation is being organized.

Please return the original and one copy of your document, along with a copy of this letter, within 60 days or your filing will be considered abandoned.

If you have any questions concerning the filing of your document, please call (850) 487-6927.

Tracy Smith  
Document Specialist

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**ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION  
OF  
FLORIDA BLACK SURETY AGENTS ASSOCIATION, INC.**

The undersigned, acting as incorporator of a corporation for the purpose of forming a corporation not for profit pursuant to Chapter 617, Florida Statutes, adopts the following Articles of Incorporation:

**ARTICLE I**

**Name**

The name of the corporation shall be: **FLORIDA BLACK SURETY AGENTS ASSOCIATION, INC.**

**ARTICLE II**

**Principal Office**

The initial mailing address and the initial principal office address of this corporation shall be 2626 West Tennessee Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32304.

**ARTICLE III**

**Commencement of Existence**

The existence of the corporation will commence on the date of filing of these Articles of Incorporation.

**ARTICLE IV**

**Purpose**

The nature of the activities to be conducted, or the purposes to be promoted or carried out by the corporation, are as follows:

- (a) To establish and operate a nonprofit organization organized and operated exclusively for educational, charitable, and scientific purposes;
- (b) To promote and inculcate interest in the civic and social affairs of the minority community;
- (c) To unite and foster goodwill among minority surety agents throughout the State of Florida;
- (d) To promote and exchange ideas among its members and other civic groups;
- (e) To encourage among its members the practice of civic virtues and respect for law and order;
- (f) To cultivate human understanding and promote friendship among the members;

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(g) To educate, instruct and train minority surety agents regarding the prevailing issues and concerns of the bail bond industry;

(h) To research, collect, and circulate information valuable to all members concerned in the education and betterment of minority surety agents;

(i) To hold meetings and social gatherings for the better realization of the above named purposes; and

(j) To do any other act or thing incidental to or connected with the foregoing purposes for any other lawful purpose, or in advancement thereof, but not for the pecuniary profit or financial gain of its members, directors, or officers, except as permitted by law.

#### **ARTICLE VI** **Duration of Existence**

This corporation is to exist perpetually, unless dissolved according to law.

#### **ARTICLE VII** **Incorporator**

The name and street address of the incorporator is:

Coretta S. Anthony  
106 East College Avenue  
Tallahassee, FL

#### **ARTICLE VIII** **Board of Directors**

(a) This corporation's affairs shall be managed by a Board of Directors composed initially of three persons, in accordance with this corporation's Bylaws. The names and addresses of the initial board of directors are as follows:

<b><u>Name</u></b>	<b><u>Address</u></b>
Derrick Danzy	2626 West Tennessee Street Tallahassee, FL 32304
Willard Cannon	2626 West Tennessee Street Tallahassee, FL 32304
Walter Kyles	2426 25th Street S. St. Petersburg, FL 33712

(b) The number of directors to be elected, the manner of their election and their respective terms shall be as set forth in this corporation's Bylaws.

**ARTICLE IX**  
**Bylaws**

The Bylaws of this corporation shall be adopted by the initial Board of Directors. The Bylaws may be amended in accordance with the provisions thereof.

**ARTICLE X**  
**Dissolution**

Upon the dissolution of the corporation, the Board of Directors shall, after paying or making provision for the payment of all of the liabilities of the corporation, dispose of all of the assets of the corporation exclusively for the purposes of the corporation, or to any organization or organizations organized and operated for any lawful purpose or purposes not for pecuniary profit.

**ARTICLE XI**  
**Registered Office and Agent**

The name and Florida street address of the initial registered agent is: Coretta S. Anthony, 106 East College Avenue, Tallahassee, Florida 32301.

**ARTICLE XII**  
**Amendments**

These Articles of Incorporation may be amended in the manner provided by law. Every amendment shall be adopted and approved by a majority of the Board of Directors at a meeting duly called.

**ARTICLE XIII**  
**Indemnification**

The corporation shall indemnify to the fullest extent permitted by the Florida Not For Profit Corporation Act, as the same now exists or may hereafter be amended in a manner more favorable, any person made or threatened to be made a party to any action or proceeding, whether criminal, civil, administrative or investigative, by reason of the fact that he is or was a director, officer, employee or agent of the corporation or any predecessor of the corporation.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned, being the original subscribing Incorporator,  
to the foregoing Articles of Incorporation has hereunto set his hand and seal this 14<sup>th</sup>  
day of September, 2000.

Coretta S. Anthony  
Coretta S. Anthony

STATE OF Florida  
COUNTY OF Leon

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this day personally appeared before me, the  
undersigned authority, Coretta S. Anthony, for the purpose of lawfully executing these  
Articles of Incorporation, who is personally known to me or who has produced a driver's  
license as identification and who did not take an oath.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and official seal on this  
14<sup>th</sup> day of September 2000.

Pamela Gordon Vaught



Pamela Gordon Vaught  
MY COMMISSION # CC737841 EXPIRES  
April 28, 2002  
BONDED THRU TROY FAIR INSURANCE, INC.

**CERTIFICATE OF DESIGNATION OF  
REGISTERED AGENT/REGISTERED OFFICE**

PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 617.0501, FLORIDA STATUTES, THE UNDERSIGNED CORPORATION, ORGANIZED UNDER THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA, SUBMITS THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT IN DESIGNATING THE REGISTERED OFFICE/REGISTERED AGENT, IN THE STATE OF FLORIDA.

1. The name of the corporation is:

Florida Black Surety Agents Association, Inc.

2. The name and address of the registered agent and office is:

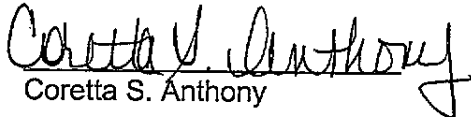
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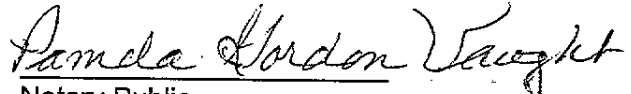
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*Having been named as registered agent and to accept service of process for the above stated corporation at the place designated in this certificate, I hereby accept the appointment as registered agent and agree to act in this capacity. I further agree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

  
Coretta S. Anthony

STATE OF Florida  
COUNTY OF Leon

The foregoing Acceptance of Registered Agent for Florida Black Surety Agents Association, was acknowledged before me this 14th day of September 2000, by Coretta S. Anthony, who is personally known to me or who has produced a driver's license as identification and who did not take an oath.

  
Notary Public  
My Commission Expires:



Pamela Gordon Vaught  
MY COMMISSION # CC737841 EXPIRES  
April 28, 2002  
BONDED THRU TROY FAIR INSURANCE, INC.