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CENTRAL FLORIDA, INC.

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FROM:

JAMIE M. D'AGUIAR

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Orlando, FL 32818

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Katherine Harris
Secretary of State

January 30, 2002

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We have received your document for AFRICAN AMERICAN CULTURAL SOCIETY OF CENTRAL FLORIDA, INC. and your check(s) totaling \$78.75. However, the enclosed document has not been filed and is being returned for the following correction(s):

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Name of Organization:
African American Cultural Society of Central Florida, Inc.

Motto:
"Strengthening Central Florida's Communities"

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ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

ARTICLE I: NAME OF ORGANIZATION

The name of this Society shall be the African American Cultural Society of Central Florida, Inc. This Society can also be referred to as the African American Cultural Society, the AACS, AACS, or the Society.

ARTICLE II: PRINCIPAL OFFICE

The African American Cultural Society operates through a virtual office. The principal place of business will be designated at the residence of the presiding President. Meetings will be scheduled at local libraries or designated facilities.

The principal place of business:

1472 Sackett Circle
Orlando, FL 32818

Mailing Address:

African American Cultural society
PO Box 682886
Orlando, FL 32868

ARTICLE III: PREAMBLE (PURPOSE)

The African-American Cultural Society of Central Florida (AACS) developed out of the need to unite "African-minded" individuals in Central Florida community. In the 1800s W.E.B. DuBois wrote of a "talented-tenth." DuBois called these educators and craftsmen the best of the African-American population. He commissioned them to do whatever in their power to bring their brothers and sisters up as they ascended the ladder of success. This almost 200-year-old charge

has brought together local professional African-Americans, who are concentrating their efforts to make a cultural impact in Central Florida.

Section 1. Goals

As Orlando and its surrounding communities continue to grow there is a desperate need for those who have escaped their invisible chains to raise the awareness of those still awaiting liberation. It is with this vision and passion that AACS will make African-American History month a time to educate, celebrate, and mobilize the minds of Central Floridians.

Section 2. Objective

AACS created a plan designed to nurture the areas closest to the hearts of Central Florida's African-American communities: History and Culture, Spirituality, Health, Relationships, Family, Politics and the Arts.

AACS will initiate and nurture the traditional sense of community through a variety of activities to include, but not exclusive to:

- African American History Month Celebration
- Kwanzaa Celebration
- Zora Neale Hurston Festival
- African American History Month Workshops
- African American Women's Celebration
- Juneteenth Celebration
- Back-to-School Celebration
- AACS Youth Scholarship Awards
- Outstanding Young Women's Pageant
- Outstanding Young Men's Showcase
- Book clubs
- Six newsletters a year
- Distinguished lecturer series
- Entertainment Venues

ARTICLE IV: OFFICERS & MANNER OF ELECTIONS

Section 1. AACS officers consist of President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Public Information Specialist, Historian, and Parliamentarian.

In order to hold a leadership position in the AACS, candidates shall be required to meet the minimum membership requirements as stated in the African-American Cultural Society of Central Florida's Constitution.

Section 2. The duties of the officers are as follows.

The President

- Presides over and conducts meetings according to accepted parliamentary procedure;
- Keeps members and discussion on track;
- Appoints committees and serves as ex-officio member;
- Represents the AACS at special City and County events and to other organizations;
- Coordinates Society activities by keeping in close touch with other officers, the membership, and board members;
- Keeps AACS work moving in a satisfactory manner by following up on progress being made on all activities; and calls special meetings as needed.

The Vice-President

- Assists the president in the discharge of duties;
- Presides over meetings in the absence of the president;
- Is prepared to assume the duties and responsibilities of the president should the need arise;
- Serves as an ex-officio member on AACS committees; and
- Oversees all committee work and management of assignments.

The Secretary

- Prepares and reads the minutes of meetings;
- Provides the president with an agenda for each meeting;
- Counts and records votes when taken;
- Prepares AACS records;
- Keeps permanent records of the AACS;
- Cooperates with the treasurer in keeping accurate membership roll and issues membership cards;
- Reads communication at meetings; and
- Provides reference material for each meeting: the secretary's book, minutes of the previous meetings, and lists of committees and committee reports..

The Treasurer

- Receives and acts as custodian of the AACS's funds;
- Collects all dues by the appropriate deadlines;
- Keeps financial records neat and current;
- Devises, with the assistance of the membership and the board of directors, appropriate fund raising activities;
- Pays out authorized the AACS's funds;

- Encourages systematic savings;
- Assists in preparing an annual statement of estimated receipts and expenditures; and
- Protects the financial reputation of the AACCS by seeing that obligations are met promptly.

The Public Information Specialist

- Devises media lists for AACCS mailings;
- Gathers and classifies AACCS news
- Prepares news releases and articles for publication for local media.
- Acquaints local electronic and print editors (radio, television, cable, newspaper, etc.) with the aims of the AACCS;
- Files clippings and pictures of AACCS's activities and keeps an AACCS publicity scrapbook; and
- Assists with planning and arranging AACCS exhibits.

The Historian

- Maintains a history of the AACCS, including an annual report of Society activities, awards, and publicity.
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The Parliamentarian

- Assists AACCS members in the understanding of parliamentary procedure;
- Is prepared to advise the presiding officer and other AACCS members on parliamentary procedure;
- Has reference materials pertaining to parliamentary procedure available for each meeting;
- Watches for significant irregularities in parliamentary procedure and calls them to the attention of the chair; and
- Is prepared to explain any irregularities and its effect on the rights of all AACCS members.

Section 3. Paid members can be nominated by another paid member or nominate themselves for a position. Nominee must meet the minimum membership requirements as stated in the African-American Cultural Society of Central Florida's constitution. The votes are cast by secret ballot at a meeting specified "Officer Elections" in September of each year.

Section 4. Officers shall be elected by secret ballot and counted by the Board of Directors and announced when all the votes have been counted. Members

that have paid their dues are eligible to vote. The vote required to elect an officer is by majority (50% + 1) of paid members. If the need is there, an officer can hold more than one position. Voting members must be present at the time of elections.

Section 5. Term of Office - The officers shall serve a term of one year starting in October of each year.

Section 6. Removal of Officers - If any officer fails to carry out the duties as described in the bylaws, the remaining officers in the officer team, upon consulting with the Board of Directors, may relieve the officer by a 2/3 vote. Said vote may be done by absentee ballots.

Section 7. Voting Powers of Officers - All officers' votes carry the same weight. In the case of a tie the President will cast the deciding vote.

Section 8. Vacancies - When an officer resigns or is removed, a member who is interested in filling the position can do so by addressing the President and Board of Directors. The President will then make the appointment. In the case that the Presidential office is vacant, or multiple applicants wish to be considered for the position, a vote by the Board of Directors will be made.

ARTICLE V – BOARD OF DIRECTORS

J'amie Minerva D'Aguiar
1472 Sackett Circle
Orlando, FL 32818

Tavia Ross
629 Laurel Cove Court, Apt 204
Orlando, FL 32825

Sean Anthony Asta Scott, Ph.D
375 Palm Springs Dr., Apt 440
Altamonte Springs, FL 32707

A Board Member must:

- Be aware of the history, principles, constitution, ceremonies, and bylaws, and other essentials for the active operation of AACCS.
- Be aware of changing state, county and city guidelines of non-profit organization operations.
- Attend regular Board meetings and see that they are conducted in a business like manner using parliamentary procedure

- Assist members in the developing of an annual program of work, which includes a budget, calendar, and committee assignments

Encourage civic responsibility through professional conferences, and support of community outreach.

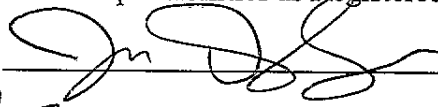
ARTICLE VI – INITIAL REGISTERED AGENT

The initial registered agent for the African American Cultural Society is:

J'amie Minerva D'Aguiar
1472 Sackett Circle
Orlando, FL 32818

I hereby am familiar with the duties and responsibilities of the Registered Agent. By signing this section below, I accept the duties and responsibilities as Registered Agent.

Signature of Registered Regent



Date:

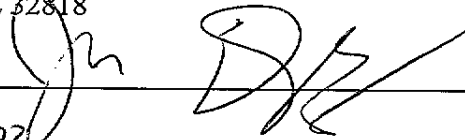
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ARTICLE VII – INCORPORATOR

The Incorporator of the African American Cultural Society is:

J'amie Minerva D'Aguiar
1472 Sackett Circle
Orlando, FL 32818

Signature of Incorporator



Date:

2/21/02

ARTICLE VIII - MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. No discrimination shall be made on the basis of gender, race, age, creed, religion, disability, sexual preference, national origin, marital status, parental status, or veteran's status.

- Section 2.** Active voting members are limited to those individuals who have paid membership dues.
- Section 3.** Paid members may participate in all local, state and national sponsored events.
- Section 4.** Membership is revoked if a member demonstrates improper conduct or neglect of duty.
- Section 5.** Membership is determined by payment of dues. Failure to pay dues results in not being a member.
- Section 6.** Quorum shall be 5 active members.

ARTICLE IX - DUES AND FINANCES

- Section 1.** Annual dues shall be reviewed and determined on a yearly basis.
- Section 2.** Full payment of the Society's dues serves as one of two criteria for considerations of active membership in the Society.
- Section 3.** Regular, Youth, Corporate and Lifetime membership classifications have their own individual amount determined for dues.
- Section 4.** Monies raised for AACCS activities in the name of the organization shall be addressed and voted on at monthly meetings.
- Section 5.** All transactions require both the AACCS President and Treasurer's signature.

ARTICLE X - PUBLICATION, EMBLEMS AND INSIGNIA

- Section 1.** The official emblem and insignia items are designed and protected by registration in the U.S. Patent under Trademark Act of 1946.
- Section 2.** Emblems and insignia shall be uniform in all local and state functions of the African American Cultural Society of Central Florida. Only members in good standing may use official emblems and insignia.

ARTICLE XI - PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

Section 1. Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised shall be followed by the Society in all cases involving parliamentary procedure when it does not conflict with the constitution.

Section 2. These rules may be suspended by a 2/3 vote of present membership.

ARTICLE XII – MEETINGS

Section 1. Regular Meetings

- 1.1 Regularly called meetings shall be held at least once a month.
- 1.2 Board meetings shall be held twice a year.

Section 2. Special Meetings

Special meetings may be called upon a favorable vote of seventy-five (75) percent of the active members, or upon recommendation of the AACCS President, approved by a fifty (50) percent vote of the Board of Directors. This provision may be suspended in the case of planning during major events listed in the African American Cultural Society literature.

Section 3. Quorums

Fifty (50) percent of all active members including two (2) officers shall constitute a quorum at all regular and special meetings.

ARTICLE XIII – COMMITTEES

Section 1. Standing Committees

- 1.1 The standing committees of the AACCS shall be: Committee on Membership, Committee on Projects, Committee on Fundraising, and the Committee on Community Affairs.
- 1.2 Committee Chairpersons shall be appointed by the AACCS President.
- 1.3 Standing committees shall consist of at least three (3) members.
- 1.4 Standing committee members shall volunteer or be appointed by the President and shall serve a period of one full year or until relieved by the President, whichever comes first.
- 1.5 Duties of the standing committees shall be as stated in the African-American Cultural Society of Central Florida By-Laws.

Section 2. Special Committees

- 2.1 Special committees of the AACCS shall be created as required by the Society, AACCS President, or Board of Directors.
- 2.2 Special committees shall consist of at least three (3) members.

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- 2.3 All special committee members shall be appointed as specified by their creation and shall serve until relieved of their appointment.
 - 2.4 Duties of the special committees shall be as decided by the AACS President or Board of Directors and approved by the Society upon creation of the Special Committee.

ARTICLE XIV - AMENDMENTS OF THE BYLAWS

Amendments to the Bylaws shall be submitted in writing at a regular meeting and shall not be voted until the following regular meeting. A 2/3 vote of the members present shall be required for adoption.