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Department of State
Division of Corporations
P. O. Box 6327
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SUBJECT: PROMISE INC. MULTI SERVICES RESOURCE CENTER

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

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ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF PROMISE, Inc.

A Non-Profit Corporation

The undersigned acting as incorporator of a non-profit corporation under Chapter 617 of the Florida Statutes do hereby adopt the following Articles of Incorporation:

<u>ARTICLE I</u>

The name of the corporation shall be: **PROMISE**, **INC**.

ARTICLE II

The principal place of business and mailing address of this corporation shall be: Promise, Inc.
P.O. Box 1685
Brandon, Florida
33508-6003

ARTICLE III

The purpose of which the corporation is organized is: To provide charitable multiservices and resources through cultural, religious and educational means to immigrants and under privileged persons that will facilitate self directed growth, and develop selfsufficient citizens within the meaning of Section 501(c) 3 of the Internal Revenue Code or corresponding section of any future Federal tax code. In furtherance of such purposes the Corporation shall have the power to:

- 1. To provide multi-services, collect fees for such services, receive donations in cash and all monies from any lawful mean; and pay all expenses incidental to the business of the corporation.
- 2. Perform all the duties and obligations of the Corporation.
- Acquire by gift, purchase or otherwise own, hold, and maintain, sell, transfer, dedicate
 to public use or otherwise dispose of personal property in connection with the affairs
 of the Corporation.
- 4. Have and exercise any and all powers, rights, and privileges that a non-profit corporation organized under Chapter 617 of the Florida Statutes by law may now or hereafter have or exercise.

- 5. No part of the net earnings of the organization shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributed to its members, trustees, officers, or other private persons except that the organization 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 the purpose clause hereof. No substantial part of the activities of the organization shall be carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the organization shall not participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office. Not withstanding any other provision of this document, the organization shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by an organization exempt from federal income tax under section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or (b) by an organization, contributions to which are deductible under section 170 (c) (2) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code.
- 6. Upon dissolution of the organization, assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of section 501 (c) (3) of the internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or shall be distributed to the federal government, or to a state or local government for public purposes. Any such assets not disposed of by the Court of Common Pleas of the county in which the principle office of the organization is then located, exclusively for such purposes or to such organization or organizations, as said court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.

The corporation will provide and administer educational, economic development, health and human services as outlined in the by-laws of the corporation. Services of this kind may include, but are not limited to:

Intervention and Stabilization (assessment)

Education Programs (English, tutoring, computer skills)

Social Service Assistance

Child / Adult Day Care

Counseling Programs (Christian counseling, financial counseling, Drug / Alcohol

Employment Assistance

Refugee and Immigration Programs (interpretive services for Haitians, Hispanics,

and French speaking people.)

ARTICLE IV.

The number of directors of the Corporation shall be five (5), from time to time, by the Code of Bylaws, which number may be increased or decreased from time to time by amendment of the Bylaws.

ARTICLE V Directors /Officers

The initial board of directors shall consist of the appointees listed below, and shall serve until a board constituted in accordance with the article IV can be selected and met

Nesiy A. Lamour,

President

Reverend Mel Harris

Executive Director

Catheline Lamour

Director of Services Director of Administration

Mary Harris Sonia Hogue

Director of Development / Outreach

ARTICLE VI Registered Agent

Rev. Mel Harris 4502 Spring Way Cir. Valrico, Florida 33594

ARTICLE VII Incorporator

Nesly A. Lamour 12114 Feldwood Creek Lane Riverview, Florida 33568

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 agreed act in this capacity.

Harris Jr./Registered Agent

A. Lamour / Incorporator

12/23/02 Date