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SUBJECT:	FRIENDS				
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## ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

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OF -

# FRIENDS OF HAITIAN CULTURE, INC.

# **ARTICLE I**

The name of this corporation is:

# FRIENDS OF HAITIAN CULTURE, INC.

#### **ARTICLE II**

The term for which this corporation shall exist, shall be perpetual.

#### **ARTICLE III**

The general nature of the business or businesses to be transacted by said corporation shall be as follows:

To foster, support, and engage in activities relative to humanitarian relief, socioeconomic development, progress and ideals, including any and all activities which are lawful and appropriate in accordance with the laws of the State of Florida. The organization shall engage in activities and programs which serve to promote socioeconomic, cultural and human development, mutual understanding, and public service.

That of engaging in any activity permitted under the laws of the United States of America, its territories, districts, and possessions, and any activity permitted under the laws of the State of Florida, and to have, exercise, and enjoy the powers and privileges granted to corporations not for profit by Chapter 617, Florida Statutes.

To do all and everything necessary, suitable, and proper for the accomplishment of any of the purposes, of the attainment of any of the objects, or for the furtherance of the powers herein set forth, either alone or in association with other corporations, firms, or individuals, and to do every other act or acts, thing or things, incidental or appurtenant to or growing out of or connected with the aforesaid business of powers, or any part thereof; provided, that the same be not inconsistent with the laws under which this corporation is organized.

The purposes for which, **FRIENDS OF HAITIAN CULTURE, INC.**, is organized are exclusively charitable, scientific, literary and educational purposes, including, for such purposes, the making of distributions to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations

within the meaning of section 501 © (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

In pursuit of its goals, the organization shall establish the following objectives:

- 1) To organize activities which serve to promote Haitian culture and image enhancement;
- 2) To promote Haitian history awareness among the Haitian youth population in Florida;
- 3) To promote understanding and harmony among South Florida's different ethnic youth groups, and
- 4) To promote cultural exchange between Haiti and the United States.

# ARTICLE IV

No part of the net earnings of the organization shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable 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 the 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.

Notwithstanding 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 © (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 © (2) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

#### ARTICLE V

Members shall qualify for admission, and shall be admitted as members, in accordance with the by-laws of this corporation. A two-thirds vote of the membership shall be required for the election of new directors or for the removal of current directors. Annually, during the month of December, the membership shall elect, from among those nominees previously approved by the **Executive Committee** of the Board, those members receiving the highest number of votes as there are vacancies.

#### ARTICLE VI

The street address of the registered office of this corporation is:

7100 Biscayne Boulevard, #307, Miami, Florida 33138

## **ARTICLE VII**

Directors will be selected as stated in the by-laws.

This corporation shall have as directors those persons designated in this Article below. The number of directors may be either increased or decreased from time to time by the By-Laws, but shall never be less than seven (7) nor more than twenty one (21). The names and addresses of the directors of this corporation are:

#### NAME

# ADDRESS

Lesly Prudent, President Maude M. Hilaire, Treasurer Evelyne Dorce, Assistant Treasurer Roger E. Biamby, Secretary Limone Joseph, Assistant Secretary

800 NE 137th Street, North Miami, Florida 33161 Dr. Marc Y. Joseph, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President 19100 NW 10th Avenue, Miami, Florida 33169 Harry Beaubrun, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President 7903 SW 104th Street, Miami, Florida 33156 980 NE 169th Street, #112, N. M. B. FL 33162 4830 NW 170th Street, Carol City, FL 33055 7100 Biscayne Boulevard, #307, Miami, FL 33138 1515 NE 181st Street, N. M. B. Florida 33162

# ARTICLE VIII

The names and addresses of the officers who are to conduct the business of this corporation until those elected at the first election are as follows:

Lesly Prudent, President Harry Beaubrun, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Maude M. Hilaire, Treasurer Evelyne Dorce, Assistant Treasurer Roger E. Biamby, Secretary Limone Joseph, Assistant Secretary

800 NE 137th Street, North Miami, Florida 33161 Dr. Marc Y. Joseph, 1st Vice President 19100 NW 10th Avenue, Miami, Florida 33169 7903 SW 104th Street, Miami, Florida 33156 980 NE 169th Street, #112, N. M. B. FL 33162 4830 NW 170th Street, Carol City, FL 33055 7100 Biscayne Boulevard, #307, Miami, FL 33138 1515 NE 181st Street, N. M. B. Florida 33162

# ARTICLE IX

Upon the dissolution of the corporation, assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of section 501 @ (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 a public purpose. Any such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by the Court of Common Pleas of the county in which the principal office of the corporation 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 name and address of the person signing these Articles is:

Name

Address

Lesly Prudent, President

800 NE 137th Street, North Miami, Florida 33161

# **ARTICLE X**

In compliance with section 48.091, Florida statues, the following is submitted:

**FIRENDS OF HAITIAN CULTURE, INC.**, desiring to organize or qualify under the laws of the state of Florida with its principal place of business at:

7100 Biscayne Boulevard, #307, Miami, Florida 33138 has named:

Lesly Prudent, as its agent to accept service of process within Florida.

Having been named to accept service of process for the above-stated corporation, at the place designated in this certificate, I hereby agree to act in this capacity, and I further agree to comply with the provisions of all statutes relative to the proper and complete performance of duties.

Lesly Prudent

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned subscriber has executed these Articles of Incorporation this 23rd day of January, 2003

Lesly Prudent, President

SECRETARY OF STATE

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STATE OF FLORIDA

) ss:

COUNTY OF DADE)

BEFORE ME, a notary public authorized to take acknowledgments in this state and county set forth above, personally appeared: Lesly Prudent, known to me and known by me to be the person who executed the foregoing Articles of Incorporation, and he acknowledged before me that he executed these Articles of Incorporation.

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this 24th day of February, 2003, by Lesly Prudent, who is personally known to me or who has produced \_(type of identification) as identification.

NOTARY PUBLIC - STATE OF FLORIDA

MARIE E. BIENNE

Printed name of notary

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