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## ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF COMMITTEE TO RESTORE VOTER DIGNITY, INC.

SECRETARY OF STATE OVISION OF CORPERATIONS

The undersigned, acting as incorporator of this Corporation not for profit pursuant to Chapter 617, <u>Florida Statutes</u>, adopts the following articles of incorporation as follows:

#### I. NAME

The name of this Corporation is Committee to Restore Voter Dignity, Inc. The initial address of the corporation is 104 South Monroe Street, Tallahassee, Leon County, Florida 32301.

#### II. DURATION

The period of the duration of this Corporation is perpetual unless dissolved according to law. Corporate existence shall commence upon filing with the Secretary of State.

#### III. PURPOSE

The purposes for which this Corporation is created and maintained shall be exclusively for the promotion of social welfare and no activities which are not permitted by an organization exempt from taxation pursuant to Section 501(c)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code, as amended, shall be permitted.

The Corporation shall engage in the following activities:

- (1) To gather, analyze and disseminate data and information relating to restoration of voting rights to persons who have been convicted of felonies following the completion of their sentences.
- (2) To serve as a core organization to bring together representatives of various organizations which have the common goal of preserving the voting rights of individuals.
- (3) To conduct fundraising activities for the production of revenues adequate to carry out the purposes of the Corporation.
- (4) To disseminate to the public, civic organizations and other non-profit and business entities information relating to the issues in which the corporation has an interest.

#### IV. MEMBERS

The members of the Corporation shall be the Board of Directors appointed by the incorporator and such other persons as may be selected in accordance with the By-laws. The By-laws shall describe the rights of members. No part of the net earnings of the Corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributed to its members, Directors, officers or other private persons.

#### V. REGISTERED AGENT

The street address and city of the registered office of the Corporation is:

2544 Blairstone Pines Drive Tallahassee, Florida 32302

The name of the registered agent at such address is Ronald G. Meyer, Esquire.

#### VI. BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS

The number of persons constituting the Board of Directors of the Corporation shall be not less than three nor more than twenty. Directors shall be elected or appointed, or serve ex-officio in accordance with the By-laws of the Corporation. The By-laws may also provide for the selection of such officers as are deemed necessary or desirable. The initial directors are:

Mandy Dawson 3341 NW 16<sup>th</sup> Street Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33311 Eric Jones
4900 W. Hallandale Beach Blvd.
Pembroke Park, FL 33023

Anthony L. Jackson 1515 NW 167<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 110K Miami, FL 33169

### VII. INDEMNIFICATION OF OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

All officers and directors of this Corporation shall be indemnified by the Corporation against all expenses and liabilities, including attorney's fees (including appellate proceedings) reasonably incurred in connection with any proceeding or settlement thereof in which they may become involved by reason of holding such office as provided in the By-laws. The Corporation may purchase and maintain insurance on behalf of all officers and directors against any liability asserted against them or incurred by them in their capacity as officers and directors or arising out of their status as such.

#### VIII. NON-STOCK BASIS

This Corporation is organized on a non-stock basis.

#### IX. DISSOLUTION

In the event of dissolution, the residual assets of the Corporation will be turned over to one or more organizations which themselves are exempt as organizations described in Section 501(c) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, as amended, or corresponding sections of any prior or future law, or to the federal, state or local government for exclusively public purposes.

#### X. INCORPORATOR

The name and address of the incorporator of this Corporation are as follows:

Mandy Dawson 3341 NW 16<sup>th</sup> Street Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33311

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned, being the incorporator of this Corporation, has executed these articles of incorporation on the date below indicated.

MANDY DAWSON Incorporator

STATE OF FLORIDA COUNTY OF BROWARD

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me on this 21 day of 2003, by Mandy Dawson, who is personally known to me OR who has produced a valid Florida Driver's License as identification (strike through one).

NOTARY PUBLIC

Notary:

Rona L Silberman

My Commission DD120078

PRINTED NAME Expires June 30, 2006

#### ACCEPTANCE BY REGISTERED AGENT

Having been named to accept service of process for the above-stated corporation, at the place designated in these articles of incorporation, I hereby agree to act in this capacity, and I agree to comply with the provisions of Section 48.091, <u>Florida Statutes</u> relative to keeping open said office for service of process.

RONALD G! MEYER Registered Agent

Date: 8-27-03