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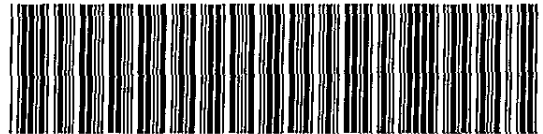
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## TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Department of State  
Division of Corporations  
P. O. Box 6327  
Tallahassee, FL 32314

SUBJECT: HINDU AMERICAN FOUNDATION, INC.  
(PROPOSED CORPORATE NAME - MUST INCLUDE SUFFIX)

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

☐ \$70.00  
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FROM: NIKHIL N. JOSHI, REGISTERED AGENT  
Name (Printed or typed)

5164 STERLING MANOR DRIVE  
Address

TAMPA, FLORIDA 33647  
City, State & Zip

813-975-0094  
Daytime Telephone number

**NOTE: Please provide the original and one copy of the articles.**



FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Glenda E. Hood  
Secretary of State

August 29, 2003

NIKHIL N. JOSHI, ESQ.  
5164 STERLING MANOR DR.  
TAMPA, FL 33647

SUBJECT: HINDU AMERICAN FOUNDATION, INCORPORATED  
Ref. Number: W03000024715

We have received your document for HINDU AMERICAN FOUNDATION, INCORPORATED and your check(s) totaling \$78.75. However, the enclosed document has not been filed and is being returned for the following correction(s):

Entities may file using only the entity's name. Please delete any reference to the "doing business as name" in your document. If you wish to register your fictitious name, you may do so by filing the enclosed application and submitting the appropriate fees to this office.

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) 245-6965.

Dorine Martin  
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## ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

In Compliance with Chapter 617, Florida Statutes (Florida Not For Profit Corporation Act)

### ARTICLE I NAME

The Name of the corporation will be Hindu American Foundation, Incorporated.

### ARTICLE II PRINCIPAL OFFICES

The principal office for business, transaction of the activities and affairs of the corporation will be 5164 Sterling Manor Drive, Tampa, Florida 33647.

### ARTICLE III PURPOSE

Section 1. The purpose for which this corporation is organized, pursuant to Chapter 617 of the Florida Statutes and Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, will be to serve as a public voice for Hindus in America; to increase public awareness of Hindu philosophy, history, traditions and pertinent issues; to support innovative projects and infrastructure development of Hindu organizations and institutions committed to strengthening Hinduism and addressing pertinent Hindu issues; and to promote interaction, dialogue and social reform within the Hindu Diaspora.

Section 2. This corporation is organized and operated exclusively for the charitable purposes within meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue law.

Subsection 2a. No substantial part of the activities of this corporation shall consist of carrying on propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation and the corporation shall not participate or intervene in any political campaign (including publishing or distribution of statements) on behalf of any candidate for public office.

Subsection 2b. Notwithstanding any other provision of this document, the organization shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on by an organization exempt from federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code or the corresponding section of any future United States Internal Revenue law.

#### **ARTICLE IV MANNER OF ELECTION**

The initial Board of Directors ("BOD") shall consist of the five original incorporators for the term specified in the Hindu American Foundation Bylaws. From time to time, the BOD may elect to expand the BOD. The terms and manner of election of such additional Directors shall be set forth in the HAF Bylaws.

#### **ARTICLE V INITIAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

The following individuals shall serve as the members of the initial BOD to execute the organization of the corporation:

Sanjay Garg  
20 McCusker Drive, Suite #10  
Braintree, MA 02184

Nikhil N. Joshi, Esq.  
5164 Sterling Manor Drive  
Tampa, FL 33647

Mihir Meghani, M.D.  
37808 Fruitwood Court  
Fremont, CA 94536

Nagendra Rao  
143023 Barclay Avenue, Suite 66  
Flushing, NY 11355

Aseem Shukla, M.D.  
8515A Germantown Avenue  
Philadelphia, PA 19118

#### **ARTICLE VI INITIAL OFFICERS**

The following members of the BOD shall serve as the initial officers of the corporation:

Mihir Meghani, M.D.- Chief Executive Officer  
37808 Fruitwood Court  
Fremont, CA 94536

Nagendra Rao - Secretary  
143-23 Barclay Avenue, Suite 66  
Flushing, Queens, NY 11355

Sanjay Garg- Chief Financial Officer  
20 McCusker Drive, Suite #10  
Braintree, MA 02184

#### **ARTICLE VI INITIAL REGISTERED AGENT AND STREET ADDRESS**

The name and Florida address of the registered agent is:

Nikhil N. Joshi, Esq.  
5164 Sterling Manor Drive  
Tampa, FL 33647

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**ARTICLE VII INCORPORATORS**

The names and address of the Incorporators are:

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**ARTICLE VIII DISTRIBUTION OF ASSETS UPON DISSOLUTION**

In the event of dissolution of the corporation, after paying or adequately providing for the payment of its debts, obligations and liabilities, the remaining assets of the corporation shall be distributed to a nonprofit fund, foundation or corporation which is organized and operated exclusively for charitable purposes and which has established its tax exempt status under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law.

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*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 agree to act in this capacity.*

  
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Signature/Registered Agent

8/6/03  
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Date

  
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Signature/Incorporator


07/20/03  
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July 20, 2003  
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