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# Articles of Incorporation of

#### Haitian Philanthropic Foundation, Inc.

A FLORIDA NOT FOR PROFIT CORPORATION

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The undersigned, acting as incorporator of a not for Profit Corporation pursuant to Chapter 617, <u>Florida Statutes</u> ("Florida Not For Profit Corporation Act"), adopts the following articles of incorporation and states as follows:

#### Article I Name

The name of the corporation shall be: Haitian Philanthropic Foundation, Inc.

# Article II Principle Office

The principle office of the corporation, at which the general business of the corporation will be transacted and where the records of the corporation will be kept, will be at such place in the metropolitan area, State of Florida, as may be fixed from time-to-time by the Board of Directors. Unless otherwise fixed, it will be at 5900 Triphammer Road, Lake Worth, Florida 33463.

# Article III Objectives and Purpose

Said organization is organized exclusively for charitable, religious, educational, and scientific purposes, including, for such purposes, the making of distributions to organizations that qualify as exempt to organizations under section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

The primary objectives and purpose of this corporation shall include, but not be limited to the following:

To assist the South Florida Caribbean Community with educational, social and cultural development by implementing various programs that will enhance their English speaking, writing and comprehensive skills to better acclimate them to the American culture. These programs will help facilitate a merging of cultures within the Haitian/Caribbean and American cultures.

To create a community after school and summer programs that breaks down language barriers and enable the children to excel in school. This program will also incorporate teachings of Caribbean culture and history as well as American History by promoting Cultural and Art events.

## Article IV Manner of Election

The business and affairs of the Corporation shall be managed by or under the direction of the Board of Directors. In accordance with the by laws, Directors shall be elected by a majority of the entire Board of Directors.

## Article V Initial Directors/Officers

The name, address, and title of the initial Board of Directors of this corporation are:

Morelus T. Gedeon, Chairman 5900 Triphummer Road Lake Worth, Florida 33463

Riviere Dantes, Secretary 5763 Lancole Circle E Lake Worth, Florida 33463

Fritz Michel, Vice-Chairman 330 South D Street, #1 Lake Worth, Florida 33460

Kerlot Sainsurin 419 South D. Street, #1 Lake Worth, Florida 33460

Patrick Luma 412 South D Street Lake Worth, Florida 33460 Jacqueline J. Gedeon 5900 Triphummer Road Lake Worth, Florida 33463

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Pastor Marc M. Regisme 1410 17<sup>th</sup> Avenue North Lake Worth, Florida 33460

#### Article VI Registered Office and Agent

The street address of the initial registered office of the corporation is 5900 Triphammer Road, Lake Worth, Florida 33463 and the name of its initial registered agent at such address is Morelus T. Gedeon.

## Article VII Nonprofit Capitalization

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 (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.

#### Article VIII Member Liability

The private property of this Corporation's members, directors or officers shall not be subject to the payment of Corporation debts to any extent whatsoever. No director or officer shall be liable for relying in good faith upon the books or account or reports made to the Corporation by any of its officials, members or by an independent accountant selected by the Board of Directors or by any committee so designated by the Corporation, or in relying in good faith upon any other records of the Corporation.

## Article IX Activities Prohibited

No substantial part of the activities of the Corporation shall be carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the Corporation 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 these Articles, the Corporation shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by a corporation exempt from Federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or corresponding section of any future federal tax code) or (b) by a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under section 170(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or corresponding section of any future federal tax code).

#### Article X Dissolution

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 a public purpose. Any such assets not disposed of shall be disposed of by the Court of Common Pleas of the county in which the principal 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.

# Article XI Incorporator

The name and address of the Incorporator is as follows:

Marie L. Cajuste 1050-146 South Federal Hwy Suite 146 Delray Beach, Florida 33483

## Article XII Effective Date and Duration

The effective date of the corporation is November 1, 2003. The duration of the corporation is perpetual.

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.

Moreius T. Gedeon, Registered Agent

(Date)