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Demetrio Perez

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Dear Ms. Register,

Thanks so much for your help and understanding.

Enclosed is the check for \$87.50 for the processing/filing of The Jose Marti Commemorative Commission, Inc.

Again, thanks

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ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

OF

The Jose Marti Commemorative Commission, Inc. a Non-Profit Florida Corporation

(Pursuant to Chapter 617, Florida Statutes.)

The undersigned has, for the purpose of forming a non-profit corporation under the laws of Florida, adopted the following Articles of Incorporation.

- 1. Name. The name of this corporation is The Jose Marti Commemorative Commission, Inc..
- 2. <u>Tax-Exempt Status.</u> The tax exempt purposes of this corporation shall be to receive and maintain a fund or funds of real or personal property or both and, subject to the restrictions and limitations which are hereinafter set forth, to use and apply the whole or any part of the income from the principal of the fund or funds exclusively for charitable, religious, scientific, literary or educational purposes, either directly or by contributions to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations under §501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and its regulations as they now exist or any may hereafter be amended. Notwithstanding any other provision of these Articles of Incorporation, this corporation shall not conduct or carry on any activities not permitted to be conducted or carried on by organizations described in §501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and its regulations as they now exist or as they may hereafter be amended.
- 3. <u>Principal Office of Business.</u> The principal place of business and mailing address of the corporation is:

Principal Office of Business: 904 SW 23rd Avenue Miami, Florida 33135

Mailing Address: 904 SW 23rd Avenue Miami, Florida 33135

4. <u>Specific Purpose.</u> The specific purposes of the non-profit corporation are:

- (a) The Corporation is organized exclusively for educational and charitable purposes, including, for such purposes, the making of distributions to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations under section 501 (c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, and, more specifically, to receive and administer funds for such charitable and educational purposes, all for the public by bequest, devise, gift, purchase, or lease, either absolutely or in trust for such objects and purposes or any of them, any property, real, personal or mixed, without limitation as to amount of value, except such limitations, if any, as may be imposed by law; to sell, convey, and dispose of any such property and to invest and reinvest the principal thereof, and to deal with and expend the income therefrom for any of the before-mentioned purposes, without limitation, except such limitations, if any, as may be contained in the instrument under which such property is received; to receive any property, real, personal, mixed, in trust, under the terms of any will, deed of trust, or other trust instrument for the foregoing purposes or any of them, and in administering the same to carry out the directions, and exercise the powers contained in the trust instrument under which the property is received, including the expenditure of the principal as well as the income, for one or more of such purposes, if authorized or directed in the trust instrument under which it is received, but no gift, bequest or devise of any such property shall be received and accepted if it be conditioned or limited in such manner as shall require the disposition of the income or its principal to any person or organization other than an "exempt organization" or for other than "exempt purposes" within the meaning of section 501 (c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, as now in force or later amended; to receive, take title to, hold and use proceeds and income of stocks, bonds, obligations, or other securities of any corporation or corporations, domestic or foreign, but only for the foregoing purposes, or some of them; and, in general, to exercise any, all and every power for which a non-profit corporation organized under the applicable provisions of the Code of Florida for scientific, educational, and charitable purposes all for the public welfare, can be authorized to exercise, but only to the extent the exercise of such powers are in furtherance of exempt purposes.
- (b) No part of the net earnings of the Corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to, its directors, officers, or other private persons, except that that Corporation 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 these Articles. No substantial part of the activities of the Corporation shall be the carrying on of propaganda or otherwise attempting to influence legislation (except that, if the Corporation so elects, it may make such expenditures in conformity with section 501 (h) of the Internal Revenue Code) and the Corporation shall not participate in or intervene in (including publishing or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of, or in opposition to, any candidate for public office. Notwithstanding any other provisions of these Articles, the Corporation shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on: (1) by a corporation exempt from Federal Income Tax under section 501 (c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law; or (2) by a corporation contributions to which are deductible under section 170 (c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law.
- (c) Included among the educational and charitable purposes for which the Corporation is organized, as qualified and limited by subparagraphs (a) and (b) of this Article 4 are the following:
 - 1. To maintain the legacy of Jose Marti by educating the public about his life through commemorative activities.

- (d) To do all and everything necessary, suitable and proper for the accomplishment of any of the purposes or the attainment of any of the objects or the furtherance of any of the powers earlier 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 objects or purposes of any part or parts thereof, provided the same are not inconsistent with the laws under which this corporation is organized.
- 5. Manner of Election. The manner in which the directors are elected or appointed is:

The Initial Members of the Board of Directors will serve until the first election of a Board of Directors as provided by the Corporation's By-laws.

6. <u>Board of Directors.</u> The affairs of the Corporation shall be managed by a Board of Directors, the number of members of which shall not be less than three; and the exact number shall be fixed by the Bylaws of the Corporation. At or before each annual meeting of the Directors, they shall appoint such Directors to manage the affairs of the Corporation for the ensuing year or until their successors are duly appointed as provided for in the Bylaws; and those Directors shall be appointed from nominations submitted pursuant to the provisions of the Bylaws. The following shall constitute the initial Directors who shall act until the first meeting of the Directors or until their successors are duly chosen and qualified, and the names of the persons who are to serve as the initial Directors are as follows:

Dr. Rolando Espinosa President 130 SW 32nd Avenue Miami, Florida 33135

Demetrio Perez, Jr. Vice-President 904 SW 23rd Avenue Miami, Florida 33135

Dr. Arminda Espinosa Secretary/Treasurer 130 SW 32nd Avenue Miami, Florida 33135

7. Registered Agent. This corporation appoints Demetrio J. Perez & Associates, P.A., who has been a bona fide resident of the State of Florida for at least three years, as its Registered agent in and for the State of Florida. The complete name and address of the Registered Agent is

Demetrio J. Perez & Associates, P.A. 904 SW 23rd Avenue, Suite 200 Miami, Florida 33135

8. <u>Incorporator.</u> The name and address of the incorporator is:

Dr. Rolando Espinosa 130 SW 32nd Avenue Miami, Florida 33135

- 9. **Effective Date.** These Articles are to be effective the date of filing.
- 10. <u>Dissolution</u>, Upon the dissolution of the Corporation, the Board of Directors shall, after paying or making provision for the payment of all the liabilities of the Corporation, dispose of all the assets of the Corporation in such manner or to such organization or organizations organized and operated exclusively for charitable, religious, scientific, educational, or such other exempt purposes as shall at the time qualify as an exempt organization or organizations under section 501 (c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law, or to a federal, state, or local government body to be used for exclusively public purposes as the Board of Directors shall determine.
- 11. Other provisions. The Corporation may by its Bylaws make any other provisions or requirements for the arrangement or conduct of business of the Corporation, provided the same be not inconsistent with these Articles of Incorporation nor contrary to the laws of the State of Florida or of the United States.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the following incorporator has signed these Articles of Incorporation

this date: February 26, 2004.

Dr. Rolando Espinosa

ACCEPTANCE BY REGISTERED AGENT

Having been named as a 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.

DATE: February 26, 2004

Demetrio J. Perez & Associates, P.A.