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#### ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

of

The Lincoln Room Foundation, Inc.

In compliance with Chapter 617, F.S., (Not for Profit)

- Article I:Name of corporation:The Lincoln Room Foundation, Inc., a not-for-profit corporation.
- Article II:Principal place of business and mailing address:<br/>The Lincoln Neighborhood Service Center, 438 West Brevard<br/>Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32301. The mailing address is 1902 Ty<br/>Ty Court, Tallahassee, FL 32308.

### Article III: Purpose of the corporation is organized is:

The corporation is organized exclusively for educational purposes and may take and hold by gift, devise, bequest, purchase or lease either absolute or in trust any real or personal property necessary or proper for the purposes for which it is organized.

The specific purpose of The Foundation shall be to preserve the history and legacy of the original (1869-1969) Lincoln High School by:

- a) Operating and maintaining the Lincoln Room, a museum, that will exhibit artifacts and memorabilia from the original Lincoln High School.
- b) Acquiring by bequests, purchase, gift and accept on loan artifacts, memorabilia, papers, journals, tapes, photographs, and any and all materials which pertain to Lincoln High School and African –American education during the 1869 – 1969 period.
- c) Cooperating with educational institutions, historians, scholars, researchers and all persons and other organizations engaged in similar initiatives.
- d) Documenting the history of African-American public education in Leon County.
- e) Promoting educational and cultural opportunities for the citizens of Leon County and Tallahassee, Florida.

### Article IV: Manner of Election

The Board of Directors shall consist of 15 members. The annual meeting of the Foundation shall elect successors to those directors whose term of office expires with that meeting, and fill vacancies that may have occurred in the Board during the year. The term of

office of all members elected to the Board of Directors shall be two (2) years, except those elected to fill vacancies. The Board of Directors by election may fill vacancies on the Board that occur prior to the Annual Meeting. The term of such positions is until the next Annual Meeting, but the holder or holders of such positions may be nominated for regular terms. No Board of Director member shall serve more than two (2) consecutive full terms without a one (1) year break in service.

#### Article V: **Initial Officers**

President	W. Mack Rush	1902 Ty Ty Court Tallahassee FL 32308
Vice Pre.	Theodore James	5432 Appledore Lane Tallahassee FL 32308
Secretary	Willie P. Smallwood	3130 N. Shannon Lakes Dr. Tallahassee, FL

# Article VI: Initial Registered Agent and Street Address The name and Florida street address of the registered agent is: W. Mack Rush 1902 Ty Ty Court Tallahassee, FL 32308

## Article VII: Incorporator The name and address of the Incorporator is: W. Mack Rush 1902 Ty Ty Court Tallahassee, FL 32308

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.

Signature / Registered/Agent Signature /Incorporator

12,17,04 Date 12,17,04

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