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FROM: Patricia W. McGill, Ph.D.
Name (Printed or typed)

1925 Vineland Director Address

Tallahassee, Flunda 32317

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CENTER FOR COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

- A Florida "Non-profit" Corporation -

We, the undersign incorporators, hereby associate ourselves together to form and establish a not for profit corporation under the laws of the State of Florida.

ARTICLE I -NAME

The name of the corporation is the Center for Community and Economic Development, Incorporated.

ARTICLE II -PRINCIPLE OFFICE

The principal office and mailing address of the corporation is 1925 Vineland Drive, Tallahassee, FL 32317-7920.

ARTICLE III -PURPOSE

The CCED is founded as a national corporation not for profit organization to support community economic development and empowerment, foster leadership, champion diversity, invest in education, create economic opportunities, and achieve sustainable and 'healthy' communities. The purposes shall include, but not limited to, the following:

- A. To develop comprehensive community development strategies and partnerships that address the social, education, housing and economic challenges facing the Nation's highly distressed communities and neighborhoods;
- B. To collect, evaluate and disseminate pertinent empirical data that influence the equitable allocation and stewardship of federal, state, local, and private financial resources targeted for improving the quality of life for the Nation's poorest communities;
- C. To assist with the planning, development and capacity building of non-profit organizations and government organizations;
- D. To pursue basic and applied research on economic development issues confronting the Nation's poorest areas and neighborhoods;
- E. To train a diverse population of community leaders interested in strengthening communities and neighborhoods;

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- F. To bring visibility to and to address the social and economic plight of disadvantaged residents living in the Nation without regards to racial, ethnic, religious, or gender distinction; and
- G. To serve in an advocacy role that assist the Nation's leaders in developing initiatives and strategies with the expressed intent of preventing civil unrest and social disorganization.

ARTICLE IV MANNER OF ELECTION OF DIRECTORS

Section 1: Initial Board of Directors

A Board of Directors, each of whom shall be members of the corporation, shall govern the corporation. The initial board shall be appointed by the organizer and ratified by members through an oral vote. Subsequent elections shall be by a majority vote of the board by ballot as specified in the bylaws. There shall be three (3) directors on the initial Board of Directors. The number of directors may be increased or decreased, but shall never be less than three (3) and more than nine (9).

Section II: Qualifications, Terms, Duties and Dismissal of Officers

The qualifications, terms of office, duties and the removal of officers shall be set forth in the bylaws.

ARTICLE V INITIAL REGISTERED AGENT/ORGANIZER AND STREET ADDRESS

The name of the registered agent/organizer of the corporation is Patricia W. McGill, Ph.D. Her address is 1925 Vineland Drive, Tallahassee, FL 32317.

ARTICLE VI - INITIAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The names of the persons who are to serve as the initial directors of the corporation and who shall be subject to all the provisions of the purpose relating to the directors are as follows:

Name

Address

Patricia W. McGill, Ph.D. Chair

1925 Vineland Dr., Tallahassee, FL 32307

Curtis Taylor

Member

Title

2214 High Road, Tallahassee, FL 32303

Rosa T. Brown

Member

2825 W. Orange Ave. Tallahassee, FL 32310

ARTICLE VII -LIMITATIONS

Corporate Purpose

The CCED Corporation is organized exclusively for charitable, religious, educational, and scientific purposes including those that qualify as exempt under Section 501© (3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

ARTICLE VIII - DURATION

The corporation shall have perpetual existence. Corporate existence shall commence on the date of the filing of these Articles of Incorporation with the Florida Division of Corporations.

ARTICLE IX - DISSOLUTION

Upon the 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 for a public purpose.

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