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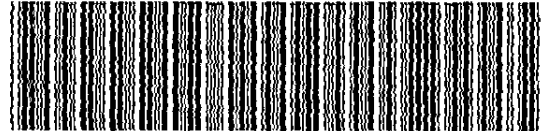
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## COVER LETTER

Department of State  
Division of Corporations  
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SUBJECT: Reclaiming Our Heritage, Inc.  
(PROPOSED CORPORATE NAME - MUST INCLUDE SUFFIX)

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

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FROM: Devin Marks  
Name (Printed or typed)

2401 Bayshore Blvd. Ste. 908  
Address

Tampa, FL 33629  
City, State & Zip

727-688-2787  
Daytime Telephone number

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

**ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION  
OF  
RECLAIMING OUR HERITAGE, INC.**

The undersigned, for the purpose of forming a nonprofit corporation under the Florida Not For Profit Corporation Act, Florida Statutes, Chapter 617, do hereby make and adopt the following Articles of Incorporation:

**Article I  
NAME AND ADDRESS**

The name and address of the Corporation is RECLAIMING OUR HERITAGE, INC., 442 W Kennedy Blvd #340, Tampa, FL 33606.

**Article II  
NOT FOR PROFIT**

The Corporation is a corporation not for profit as defined in Section 617.01, Florida Statutes. The Corporation is not formed for pecuniary profit.

**Article III  
COMMENCEMENT OF CORPORATE EXISTENCE  
AND DURATION**

The date when corporate existence shall commence is the date of filing of these Articles of Incorporation with the Secretary of State, Tallahassee, Florida. The duration (term) of the Corporation is perpetual.

**Article IV  
PURPOSES**

The Corporation is organized exclusively for charitable, religious, educational, and scientific 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, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code, specifically:

1. Reclaiming Our Heritage, Inc. shall highlight the significance of Florida's local histories and foster community awareness of and support for history programming that touches on three concerns: education, cultural preservation and the arts.

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Reclaiming Our Heritage, Inc. shall channel support and funding to Florida-focused programming that unites educators, historians, residents and tourists in celebrating Florida's storied past. These history channels shall include:

- a. Document Preservation  
(newspapers, legal, business and social organization paperwork, etc.)
- b. Architecture Preservation  
(community landmarks, public and private buildings, historic markets, etc.)
- c. Cultural Arts  
(public and private works of art, stage performance and original musical composition, etc.)
- d. Educational Programming  
(the Florida Heritage Celebration, symposia, traveling exhibits, etc.)

2. To exercise all rights and powers conferred by the laws of the State of Florida upon nonprofit corporations, including without limiting the generality of the foregoing, to acquire by bequest, devise, gift, purchase, lease or otherwise any property of any sort or use, apply, employ, sell, expend, disburse, lease, mortgage, manage, option, donate or for any of the purposes set forth herein.

3. To do such other things as are incidental to the purposes of the Corporation or necessary or desirable in order to accomplish them.

## **Article V LIMITATION**

No part of the net earnings of the Corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its members, trustees, officers, or other private persons, except that the 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 Article IV hereof. No substantial part of the activities of the corporation shall be the 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 or in opposition to 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, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or (b) by a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

## **Article VI DISSOLUTION**

In the event of termination, dissolution or final liquidation of the Corporation, property and assets shall be distributed to any creditor of the Corporation for outstanding debts or obligations. After payment of all outstanding debts, the remaining property and assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the 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 so disposed of shall be disposed of by a Court of Competent Jurisdiction of the county in which the principal office of the corporation 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 VII MEMBERS**

The Members of this organization shall be determined as provided in the Bylaws.

## **Article VIII INITIAL REGISTERED OFFICE AND AGENT**

The Street address of the initial Registered Office of the Corporation is 442 W Kennedy Blvd #340, Tampa, FL 33606, and the name of its initial Registered Agent at that address is Devin Delos Marks.

## **Article IX INITIAL BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

The management of the Corporation shall be vested in the Board of Trustees. The number of Trustees constituting the initial Board of Trustees is three. The number of Trustees may be increased or decreased from time to time in accordance with the Bylaws, but shall never be less than three. The Trustees shall be elected as prescribed in the Bylaws. The Bylaws may provide for ex officio and honorary Trustees, and their rights and privileges. The name and address of each initial Trustee of the Corporation is as follows:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Address</b>
Devin Delos Marks	442 W Kennedy Blvd #340 Tampa, FL 33606

Carolyn Laverne Ridley

442 W Kennedy Blvd #340  
Tampa, FL 33606

Bruce Armistead Smathers

1050 Riverside Avenue  
Jacksonville, FL 32204

## **Article X OFFICERS**

The officers of the Corporation shall consist of a President, Vice President, Secretary/Treasurer, and such other Officers and Assistant Officers as may be provided in the Bylaws. Each Officer shall be elected by the Board of Trustees (and may be removed by the Board of Trustees) at such time and in such manner as may be prescribed by the Bylaws. The name and address of each initial Officer of the Corporation is as follows:

<b>Title</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Address</b>
President:	Devin Delos Marks	442 W Kennedy Blvd #340 Tampa, FL 33606
Secretary/Treasurer:	Carolyn Laverne Ridley	442 W Kennedy Blvd #340 Tampa, FL 33606
Vice President:	Bruce Armistead Smathers	1050 Riverside Avenue Jacksonville, FL 32204

## **Article XI INCORPORATORS**

The names and addresses of the Incorporators are:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Address</b>
Devin Delos Marks	442 W Kennedy Blvd #340 Tampa, FL 33606
Carolyn Laverne Ridley	442 W Kennedy Blvd #340 Tampa, FL 33606
Bruce Armistead Smathers	1050 Riverside Avenue Jacksonville, FL 32204

## **Article XII BYLAWS**

The Bylaws of the Corporation are to be made and adopted by the Board of Trustees, and may be altered, amended or rescinded by the Board of Trustees.


## **Article XIII AMENDMENT**

The Corporation reserves the right to amend or repeal any provisions contained in these Articles of Incorporation or any amendment to them, and all rights and privileges conferred upon the Members, Trustees and Officers are subject to this reservation.

## **Article XIV INDEMNIFICATION**

The Corporation shall indemnify each Officer and Trustee, including former Officers and Trustees, to the full extent permitted by the General Corporation Act and the Not For Profit Corporation Act.

In Witness Whereof, the undersigned have signed these Articles of Incorporation on this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of November, 2005.



Devin Delos Marks



Bruce Armistead Smathers




Carolyn Laverne Ridley



## ACCEPTANCE BY REGISTERED AGENT

The undersigned hereby accepts the appointment as Registered Agent of  
RECLAIMING OUR HERITAGE, INC.

  
Devin Delos Marks

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