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# **COVER LETTER**

Department of State Division of Corporations P. O. Box 6327 Tallahassee, FL 32314

SUBJECT: ASSOCIA	TION OF NIGERIANS IN			
	(PROPOSED CORPORATI	E NAME – <u>MUST INÇLÜ</u>	DE SUFFIX)	
Enclosed is an original and one(1) copy of the Articles of Incorporation and a check for:				
\$70.00 Filing Fee	\$78.75 Filing Fee & Certificate of Status	\$78.75 Filing Fee & Certified Copy	\$87.50 Filing Fee, Certified Copy & Certificate	
		ADDITIONAL CO	PY REQUIRED	
FROM: ALOY ADIGWEME  Name (Printed or typed)				
12840 BAYSTONE COURT Address				
JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA 32223  City, State & Zip				

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### ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

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OF

# ASSOCIATION OF NIGERIANS IN JACKSONVILLE, INC.

The undersigned associate for the purpose of becoming a not for profit corporation under Chapter 617, laws of the State of Florida, providing for the formation, liability, rights, privileges and immunities of a not for profit corporation.

# ARTICLE I

### **NAME**

The name of the not for profit corporation shall be ASSOCIATION OF NIGERIANS IN JACKSONVILLE, INC.

### **ARTICLE II**

### PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS

The address of the initial principal place of business shall be 12840 Baystone Court, Jacksonville, Florida 32223.

### ARTICLE III

### <u>PURPOSE</u>

This not for profit is organized exclusively for religious, charitable, scientific, literary and educational purposes within the meaning of Section 501©(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1996 or the successor provision of any future United States Internal Revenue law. The purpose of the association shall be to project a positive image of Nigerians in the Jacksonville Community, promote Nigerian and afro-centric cultural values in the Jacksonville Community, facilitate a networking environment between Nigerians, other Nigerian ethnic associations in Jacksonville, become the Community's clearinghouse for all issues relating to Nigerians, foster involvement in Jacksonville Community program and service the community that we live in.

This purpose shall be promoted by, but not limited to, communications, meetings, conferences, and workshops, special projects, leadership development, etc. special focus shall be made to identify those areas needing improvement. To disseminate information about the critical areas of interest to the Jacksonville community.

To the end that the foregoing objectives and purposes and any related religious and charitable purposes may be carried out, performed and accomplished, this corporation shall have the power to engage only in such activities as shall not constitute business unrelated to its religious, benevolent, charitable, literary and educational purposes. Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, this organization shall not carry on any activities not permitted to be carried on by an organization exempt from Federal income tax under section 501©(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1996 or the successor provision of any future United States Internal Revenue law. Subject to the foregoing limitations, this corporation shall have all of the rights and powers set forth in section 617.0302, Florida Statutes.

# ARTICLE IV

# MANNER OF ELECTION OF DIRECTORS

The method or manner of the election of the board of director shall be stated in the corporate by-laws.

# ARTICLE V

## **INITIAL REGISTERED AGENT**

The name and address of the initial registered agent for this corporation is

Dr. Augustine Enofe 1225 W Beaver Street Jacksonville, Florida 32204

# **ARTICLE VI**

### **INCORPORATOR**

The initial Incorporator of the corporation is

Dr. Augustine Enofe 1225 W Beaver Street Jacksonville, Florida 32204

### ARTICLE VII

# **DURATION**

This corporation shall exist perpetually. Corporate existence shall commence on the date these Articles are filed.

# **ARTICLE VIII**

### **DISTRIBUTION**

No part of the net earnings of the nonprofit shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributed to its members, trustees, officers, or other private persons, except that the nonprofit 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 thereof.

No substantial part of the activities of the organization shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the nonprofit 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 a nonprofit organization exempt from federal income taxes 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 IX

### DISSOLUTION

Upon the dissolution of the organization, assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of section 501©(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.

### ARTICLE X

# INITIAL DIRECTORS/OFFICERS

Mr. Aloy Adigweme, President 12840 Baystone Court Jacksonville, Florida 32223

Dr. Imelda Nwoga, Public Relation 1205 Ellington Ct. St. Augustine, Florida 32084

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Mr. Roland Udenze, Vice President 3622 Caroline Vave Blvd Jacksonville, Florida 32277

Dr. Augustine Enofe, Treasurer 1225 W Beaver Street Jacksonville, Florida 32204

# **ARTICLE XI**

# **BY-LAWS**

The initial by-laws of this corporation shall be adopted by the directors. By-laws shall be adopted, altered, amended or repealed from time to time by either the members or the board of directors, but the board of directors shall not alter, amend or repeal any by-laws adopted by the members if the members specifically provide that such by-law is not subject to amendment or repeal by the directors.

HAVING BEEN NAMED, as Registered Agent for this Corporation at the Registered officer designated in the forgoing Articles of Incorporation, the undersigned accepts the designation.

parked on 175th day of October 2006

Augustine Enofe Registered Agent

D. Augustine Enofe, Incorporator