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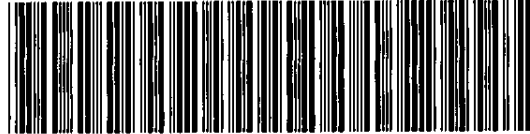
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April 17, 2008

Department of State
Division of Corporations
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Tallahassee, FL 32314

Dear Division of Corporations:

Ernie Sims Big HITS Foundation, Inc. is submitting all required information to the Department of State, Division of Corporations for designation as a new non-profit corporation in the State of Florida. Please find enclosed one (1) original and one (1) copy of the Articles of Incorporation of the corporation with a \$78.75 check for filing fees and certified copy. If you have any questions or need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact the Registered Agent:

Alice B. Sims
1770 Newman Lane
Tallahassee, FL. 32312
Daytime Number: (850) 668-6949

Sincerely,

Alice B. Sims

ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION
In Compliance with Chapter 617.0202, F.S., (Not for Profit)

For

Ernie Sims Big HITS Foundation, Inc.
A Florida Non-Profit Corporation

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Pursuant to the provision of Chapter 617.0202, F.S., (Not for Profit) the undersigned incorporators hereby adopt the following Articles of Incorporation:

Article 1
Name

The name of this corporation is **Ernie Sims Big HITS Foundation, Inc.** (the Corporation).

Article 2
Registered Agent

at principal address

The name and address of the registered agent and registered office of the Corporation is:

Alice B. Sims
1770 Newman Lane
Tallahassee, FL. 32312

Article 3
Purpose

The purposes of the Ernie Sims Big HITS Foundation, Inc. is organized exclusively for charitable purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and its Regulations as they now exist or as they may be amended. The organization is established as a non-profit corporation under the laws of the State of Florida in compliance with Chapter 617.0202, F.S., (Not for Profit), to provide any and all legal acts to provide assistance in education, recreation, sports, social and spiritual enrichment. The foundation provides character building programs, leadership skills, mentorship, and reinforcement incentives. The Corporation also provides charitable support to community based organizations which the board of directors deem to be in the best interest of the organization, including but not limited to the following: (i) create endowments to supplement salaries of duly appointed members of Foundation staff and general operational expenses of the organization; (ii) accept gifts and contributions of any kind and nature from individuals, corporations or other organizations or associations, whether made by will or otherwise, and in any form of property, all such contributions to be received and accepted under the guidelines and for the purposes set forth in this section; (iii) buy, sell, exchange and otherwise deal in stocks, bonds, real estate and any other form of property at either public or private sale,

without order of any court or of other authority; (iv) invest and reinvest any funds belonging to the Foundation at any time in such securities and properties, real and personal, as the board of directors of this Corporation in their sole discretion see fit; (v) employ or retain any bank, trust company, financial institution, accounting firm to guide the Corporation in the investment and management of its real and personal property and to compensate such employees or agents for their services. The foundation focuses its efforts to disadvantaged at risk youth and young adults in distressed neighborhoods and inner cities throughout Florida and Michigan.

Article 4

Initial Directors and Manner of Election

The Corporation will have no members and the management of the Corporation is vested in the Board of Directors. The management of the affairs of the Corporation is vested in its Board of Directors and such committees of the board that the board may, from time-to-time, establish when needed. The bylaws will provide the qualifications, manner of selection of new board members, duties, terms and other matters related to the election of Board of Directors and officers. The number of initial directors of this corporation shall be four (4) and the names and addresses of the initial directors are as follows:

Ernest Sims, III, President
1770 Newman Lane
Tallahassee, FL. 32312
(850) 668-6949

Ernest Sims, Jr., Co Vice-President
1770 Newman Lane
Tallahassee, FL. 32312
(850) 668-6949

Alice B. Sims, Co Vice-President
1770 Newman Lane
Tallahassee, FL. 32312
(850) 668-6949

Latonya Bennett, Secretary/Treasurer
1701 W. Pensacola Street Apt.107
Tallahassee, FL. 32304
(850) 504-7758

Article 5

Powers

Except as these Articles otherwise provide, the Corporation has all powers provided in compliance with Chapter 617.0202 F.S., (Not for Profit). Moreover, the Corporation has all implied powers necessary to carry out its express powers. The Corporation may reasonably compensate directors or officers for services rendered to or for the Corporation in furtherance of one or more of its purposes. All amendments and changes to these Articles must be approved by at least two-thirds of the Board of Directors present at a meeting where a quorum is present.

Article 6

Duration

The document becomes effective on the date filed by the Florida Secretary of State. The period of duration of this Corporation is perpetual.

Article 7

Restrictions and Requirements

The classes, rights, privileges, qualifications and obligations of board members of this corporation are as follows:

This Corporation shall not, except to an insubstantial degree, engage in any activities or exercise any powers that are not in furtherance of its primary purposes set forth in these Articles. The Corporation may not take any action prohibited by Chapter 617.0202 F.S., (Not for Profit).

A. This Corporation is not organized nor shall it be operated for the primary purpose of generating pecuniary gain or profit. The Corporation may not pay dividends or other corporate income to its directors or officers, or otherwise accrue distributable profits, or permit the realization of private gain. No part of the net earnings of the Corporation shall inure to the benefit of any director of the Corporation, officer of the Corporation, or any private individual, (except that reasonable compensation may be paid for services rendered to or for the Corporation affecting one or more of its purposes), and no Director or Officer of the Corporation, or any private individual, shall be entitled to share the distribution of any of the corporate assets on dissolution of the Corporation.

B. The Corporation shall not take action inconsistent with the requirements for tax exemption under the Internal Revenue Code, Section 501(c)(3), and related regulations, rulings and procedures.

C. The Corporation shall not participate or intervene in (publishing and distributing statements and other direct and indirect campaign activities) any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office.

D. The Corporation shall not attempt to influence legislation in any manner that is inconsistent with the IRS, Section 501 (c)(3).

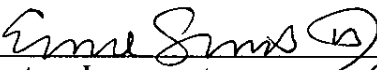
Article 8 Liability

No person serving as an officer, director, employee or volunteer of the Corporation shall be liable based on his or her conduct in the execution of the office or duty, unless the conduct of the person constituted malicious, willful, or random misconduct.

Article 9 Dissolution

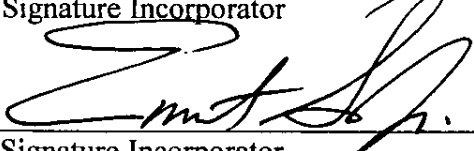
Upon dissolution of this corporation/organization, assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future Federal tax code, shall be distributed to the Federal government or to a state or local government for a public purpose. Any such assets not so disposed of 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.

The undersigned incorporators hereby declare under penalty of perjury that the statements made in the foregoing Articles of Incorporation are true. Therefore, we execute the Articles of Incorporation on this the 18 day of April 2008.



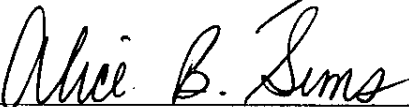
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Ernest Sims III
Printed Name



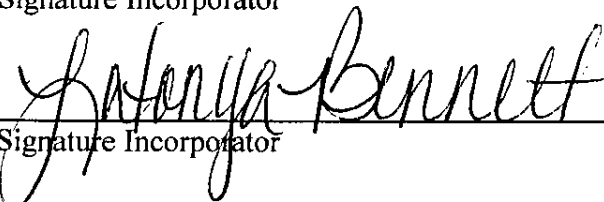
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Ernest Sims Jr.
Printed Name



Signature Incorporator

Alice B. Sims
Printed Name



Signature Incorporator

Latonya Bennett
Printed Name

**Article 10
Incorporator**

The name and address of the Incorporator is:

Alice B. Sims, Co Vice-President
1770 Newman Lane
Tallahassee, FL 32312
(850) 668-6949

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.

Alice B. Sims
Signature/Registered Agent

4/18/08
Date

Alice B. Sims
Printed Name

Alice B. Sims
Signature/Incorporator

4/18/08
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