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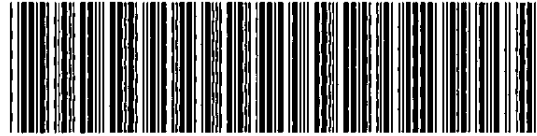
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Department of State  
Division of Corporations  
P. O. Box 6327  
Tallahassee, FL 32314

SUBJECT: R.A.S.T.A. - Righteous Apostles Serving The Almighty  
(PROPOSED CORPORATE NAME - MUST INCLUDE SUFFIX) Foundation, Inc.

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

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Filing Fee

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Filing Fee &  
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Filing Fee  
& Certified Copy

☐ \$87.50  
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**ADDITIONAL COPY REQUIRED**

FROM: Marcia Beert  
Name (Printed or typed)

4121 NW 5<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 101  
Address

Plantation, Florida 33317  
City, State & Zip

954-588-8772  
Daytime Telephone number

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

**ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION  
OF  
R.A.S.T.A. RIGHTEOUS APOSTLES SERVING THE ALMIGHTY  
FOUNDATION, INC.**

**(A corporation without authorized stock)**

Articles of Incorporation of the undersigned, a majority of whom are citizens of the United States, desiring to form a Non-Profit Corporation under the Non-Profit Corporation Law of the State of Florida, do hereby certify:

**ARTICLE I  
NAME**

The name of the corporation shall be R.A.S.T.A. RIGHTEOUS APOSTLES SERVING THE ALMIGHTY, FOUNDATION, Inc., hereinafter referred to as the "Corporation."

**ARTICLE II  
PRINCIPAL OFFICE**

The principal place of business and mailing address of this Corporation shall be: 4121 NW 5<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 101, Plantation, Florida 33317

**ARTICLE III  
PURPOSE**

The purposes of the Corporation are exclusively charitable, educational, and nonprofit as defined under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (or any corresponding provisions of any future United States Internal Revenue Law or Regulations hereunder, hereinafter collectively referred to as the Internal Revenue Code) as follows:

- (A) To provide the disenfranchised and the community with opportunities for growth and development.
- (B) To preserve, protect and promote the heritage of Rastafarian people in an ethical, spiritual and cultural manner.
- (C) To strive to train, teach, and advance the direction of all people of the Diaspora.
- (D) To undertake other projects, programs and activities not inconsistent with Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, including the making of distributions to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, as the need to do so presents itself in the opinion of the Board of Directors.

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The Corporation shall be authorized to:

1. Solicit and accept, acquire by gift, donation, devise, grant, purchase, loan or otherwise, any property without limitation;
2. Make contributions, loans or grants which are consistent with the purposes of the Corporation;
3. Make agreements and contracts and incur liabilities;
4. Do all things necessary or desirable to carry on and accomplish the purposes for which the corporation is organized as the Directors of the Corporation may from time to time deem appropriate and which are not inconsistent with powers conferred upon a non-stock corporation by the General Laws of the State of Florida and the requirements of the Internal Revenue Code.
5. The Corporation is not organized for pecuniary profit. The Corporation shall have no power to declare dividends. No part of the net earnings of the Corporation shall inure to the benefit of nor be distributed to any member, director, officer or other individual, except that the Corporation shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services actually rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes herein set forth;
6. Except as provided in Sections 501(h) and 4911 of the Internal Revenue Code, no substantial part of the activities of the Corporation shall be the carrying on of propaganda or otherwise attempting to influence legislation. The Corporation shall not participate in nor intervene in (including publishing or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office. Notwithstanding any other provisions, the corporation shall not carry on any activities not permitted to be carried on:
  - i. by a corporation exempt from Federal income tax under section 501©(3) of the Internal Revenue Code or
  - ii. by a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under section 170©(2) of the Internal Revenue Code.
7. The Corporation shall not carry on activities prohibited by the Internal Revenue Code for a private foundation to be tax exempt, including the Corporation shall distribute its income for each tax year at such time and in such manner as not to become subject to the tax on undistributed income imposed by section 4942 of the Internal Revenue Code; shall not engage in any act of self-dealing as defined in section 4941(d) of the Internal Revenue Code; shall not retain any excess business holdings as defined in section 4943 of the Internal Revenue Code; shall not make any investments in such manner as to subject it to tax under section 4944 of the Internal Revenue Code; and shall not make any taxable expenditures as defined in section 4945(d) of the Internal Revenue Code.

#### **ARTICLE IV MANNER OF ELECTION**

As stated in the Bylaws, the officers shall consist of President, Vice-President(s), Secretary, Treasurer, and such additional officers as the Board may from time to time appoint. The officers shall be elected by the Board of Directors from among the members of the Board, at the first meeting of the Board of Directors following the annual meeting of the Corporation. Any vacancy occurring in any office, for whatever reason, shall be filled by the Board of Directors and any Board member so elected shall fulfill the term of his/her predecessor.

Officers shall serve a term of two (2) years and until their successors are elected, or until they are removed for cause.

Any officer may be removed with cause, as determined by a majority vote of the Board present at any meeting at which there is a quorum.

An officer may resign only by submitting a written resignation to the President, or Secretary, or to the other Board members if the resigning Board member is the President.

#### **ARTICLE V INITIAL DIRECTORS AND/OR OFFICERS**

The initial number of Directors of the Corporation shall be seven (7) which number may be increased or decreased pursuant to the Bylaws of the Corporation but shall never be less than six (6). The names of the initial Directors, who shall act until the first annual meeting or until their successors are chosen, are Roger Ricketts (President) whose post office address is 65 NE 212 Terrace, Miami, FL 33179; June Nelson (Vice President) whose post office address is 3030 Venice Way, Miramar, FL 33025 ; Marcia Bent (Treasurer) whose post office address is 4121 NW 5th Street, Suite 101, Plantation, Florida 33317; Angela Pitterson (Secretary) whose post office address is 6833 S.W. 39th Drive, Miramar, FL 33023; Yolanda Dixon (Director) whose post office address is 2036 S.W. 166th Avenue, Miramar, FL 33027; Gail Gabbidon (Director) whose post office address is 65 NE 212 Terrace, Miami, FL, 33179 and Henry (David) Taylor (Director) whose post office address is 2036 S.W. 166th Avenue, Miramar, FL 33027.

**ARTICLE VI  
INITIAL REGISTERED AGENT AND STREET ADDRESS**

The name and Florida street address of the registered agent is:  
Marcia Bent, 4121 NW 5<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 101, Plantation, Florida 33317

**ARTICLE VII  
INCORPORATOR**

The name and Florida street address of the incorporator is:  
Marcia Bent, 4121 NW 5<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 101, Plantation, Florida 33317

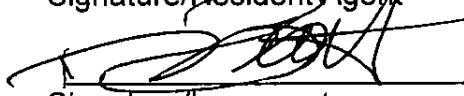
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Having been named as registered agent to accept service of process for the above stated corporation at the place designated in this certificate, I am familiar with and accept the appointment as registered agent and to agree to act in this capacity

  
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Signature/Resident Agent

4/25/08

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Date

  
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Signature/Incorporator

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