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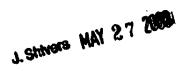
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OF

The Haitian American Healthcare Association, Inc.
(A Florida Not For Profit Corporation)

The under signed persons, acting as Incorporators of a corporation not for profit under the Florida Not

For Profit Corporation Act, as set forth in Chapter 617 of the Florida Statutes, adopt the following

Articles of incorporation for such corporation.

#### ARTICLE I

The name of the corporation: The Haitian American Healthcare Association, Inc.

(hereinafter referred to as the "Corporation").

#### **ARTICLE II**

The Haitian American Healthcare Association, a community-based organization is an agency dedicated to spearheading Creole information about the social service provided in the U.S. by various local, municipal, county, regional government entities. Even though a multitude of governmental, social programs exist in the country, the benefits have, more often, bypassed the Haitian community due to linguistic and cultural barriers, and to some instance, **F EAR**. Even when individuals qualify, benefit participation rates are very low for the Haitian foreign-born community. No more than five percent of the Haitian immigrants surveyed in a recent program by the Brookings Institution Metropolitan Policy applied for benefits, even though 80 percent of the respondents were eligible. Besides confusion on both part of the immigrants and their service providers on who is eligible for what programs, Haitians face language barrier and cultural differences that can fuel miscommunication between governmental agencies and their clients.

#### Scope of services and activities provided:

Patient Advocacy: HAHA's role is to serve as a link between the doctor and the client. Once a doctor has given a diagnoses and available treatment options, HAHA explains these diagnoses and options in Creole to the client. HAHA's priority is to make sure that the patient fully understands all aspects of the diagnosis available treatment and nutrition plan.

Cultural Competency: HAHA's position is to provide cultural competency training for providers and culturally appropriate health promotion/health education while removing barriers that impede access to care for economically poor, and/or racially and ethnically diverse populations.

**Community Outreach**: HAHA's conducts education programs to increase awareness of Health and Human Services locally municipally, countywide at various venues for the Haitian community.

**Provide information in Creole**: H AHA works with both clients and providers to translate information about resources and assists with completing necessary forms. This assistance includes resources covered by insurance companies, government programs, as well as those free to the community.

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#### ARTICLE II (Con't)

Social Support Services: HAHA provides supports services to individuals such as: client assessment, case management, identifying resources, counseling (group and/or individual), housing needs/placements.

#### ARTICLE III

The Directors of this Corporation are to be elected/appointed as set forth in the Bylaws.

#### ARTICLE IV

The term for which this Corporation shall exist shall be perpetual.

#### **ARTICLE V**

The corporate powers of this Corporation are as provided in Section 617.0302, Florida Statutes.

#### **ARTICLE VI**

The principal office of the Corporation and place of business and mailing address is 225 Northeast 34 Street; Suite #208, Miami, Florida 33137. The name of the initial registered agent is: <u>Jacques</u> Calixte

#### ARTICLE VII

The powers of this Corporation shall be exercised, its property controlled, and its affairs conducted by a Board of Directors. The number of Directors of the Corporation shall not be less than three; provided, however, that such number may be increased from a minimum of three by changing the bylaw duly adopted pursuant to the Bylaws of this Corporation. The Directors named herein as the first Board of Directors shall hold office until the first election of Directors at the Corporation's first annual meeting of members. Directors elected at the first annual meeting, and at all times thereafter, shall serve for a term of one year until the annual meeting of members following the election of Directors and until the qualification of successors in office. Annual meetings shall be held at the time and place designated by the Board of Directors. Any action required or permitted to be taken by the Board of Directors under

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#### ARTICLE VII (Con't)

any provision of law may be taken without a meeting, if all the members of the Board shall individually or collectively consent in writing to such action. Such written consent or consents shall have the same force and effect as if taken by unanimous vote of the Directors. Any certificate or other document filed under any provision of law that relates to action so taken shall state that the action was taken by unanimous written consent of the Board of Directors without a meeting and that the Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws of this Corporation authorize the Directors to so act Such statement shall be prima facie evidence of such authority.

The name and residential addresses of the persons who are to serve as initial Directors are:

NAME <u>ADDRESS</u>

**Jacques Calixte** 

#### ARTICLE VIII

The Board of Directors shall elect the following officers: President, Vice-President/Secretary, Treasurer, and any such other officers as the Bylaws of this Corporation may authorize the Directors to elect from time to time. Initially, such officers shall be elected at the first annual meeting of the Board of Directors. Until such election is held, the following persons shall serve as corporate officers:

NAME	OFFICE
Jacques Calixte	PRESIDENT
Astra Remy	VICE-PRESIDENT
Pascale Auquste	TREASURER
Tim Henderson	SECRETARY

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ARTICLE IX

Subject to the limitations contained in the Bylaws and any limitations set forth in the Not For Profit Corporation Act of Florida described above, concerning corporate action that must be authorized or approved by the members of the Corporation, the Bylaws of this Corporation may be made, altered, rescinded, added to, or new bylaws may be adopted, either by a resolution of the Board of Directors or by following procedures set forth in the Bylaws.

ARTICLE X

No part of the net income or assets of this Corporation shall ever inure to the benefit of the director, officer, or member thereof, or to the benefit of any private individual. Notwithstanding any other provision of these Articles, the Corporation shall not carry on other activities not permitted to be carried on by a Corporation exempt from Federal Income Tax, under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue.

**ARTICLE X** 

Code of 1986 or the corresponding provisions of any subsequent or future United States Internal Revenue Law.

ARTICLE XI

Upon the dissolution of this Corporation, its assets remaining after payment, or provision for payment, of all debts and liabilities of the Corporation, shall be distributed to a not for profit fund, foundation, or corporation organized and operated exclusively for charitable, educational, religious or scientific purposes and which has established its tax exempt status under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, or corresponding provisions of any subsequent federal tax laws.

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#### **ARTICLE XII**

Amendments to these Articles of Incorporation may be proposed by a resolution adopted by the Board of Directors and presented to the members for their vote at a time and place determined by the Board of Directors, upon sixty (60) days, written notice to the members, setting forth the proposed amendment or a summary of the changes to be effected. Amendments may be adopted by a vote of the majority of members present.

### **ARTICLE XIII**

The names and address of the Incorporators are:

<u>NAME</u>

**ADDRESS** 

Jacques Calixte

225 Northeast 34 Street; Suite #208, Miami, Florida 33137

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties has hereunto set his hand this 22 day of May, 2008.

Jacques Calixte

STATE OF FLORIDA )
SS
COUNTY OF DADE )

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, personally appeared <u>Jacques Calixte</u> to me well known and known to me to be the person(s) described in and who execute the foregoing Articles of Incorporation for the purpose of forming this not for profit charitable corporation under the laws of Florida

#### The Haitian American Healthcare Association, Inc.

and before me he acknowledged his signature to be his free act and deed for the uses and purposes stated herein.

WITNESS MY HAND and official seal at the City of Miami, County of Miami-Dade, State of PCKS CWALLY KINDW BY MIC-

Florida, this day 22 of May, 2008.

NOTARY PUBLIC SOMMEN C JULIA

My Commission Expires: SUNC 1012011

STANLEY E. JOHNSON, JR.
MY COMMISSION # DD 661979
EXPIRES: June 10, 2011
Bonded Thru Notary Public Underwriters

CERTIFICATE DESIGNATING PLACE OF BUSINESS OR DOMICILE FOR THE SERVICE OF PROCESS WITHIN THIS STATE, NAMING AGENT UPON WHOM PROCESS MAY BE SERVED.

In pursuance of provisions of Section 617.0501, Florida Statutes – Not For Profit Corporation Act, the following is submitted, in compliance with said provisions:

First--That **The Haitian American Healthcare Association, Inc.** desiring to organize under the laws of the State of <u>Florida</u> with its principal office, as indicated in the articles of incorporation, at the City of <u>Miami</u>, County of <u>Dade</u>, State of <u>Florida</u>, has named <u>Jacques Calixte</u> located at <u>225 Northeast 34</u>

<u>Street; Suite #208</u> (Street address and number of building, Post Office Box address not acceptable.) City of <u>Miami</u>, County of <u>Dade</u>, State of Florida, as its agent to accept service of process within this State.

## ACKNOWLEDGMENT: (MUST BE SIGNED BY DESIGNATED AGENT)

Having been named to accept service of process for the above stated corporation, at place designated in this certificate, I hereby accept to act in this capacity, and agree to comply with the provision of said Act relative to keeping open said office.

Jacques Calixte - Resident Agent

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