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SECRETARY OF STATE
TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA

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ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF THE HAITIAN AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF SOUTHWEST FLORIDA , \mathcal{INC} .

ARTICLE I

The name of this corporation is:

Haitian American Association of Southwest Florida, Inc.

ARTICLE II

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

ARTICLE III

The general nature of the business operations to be transacted by said corporation shall be as follows:

To foster, support and engage in activities relative to socio-economic development, progress and ideals including any and all activities which are lawful and appropriate in accordance with the laws of the State of Florida;

To encourage Haitians living in Southwest Florida who are not American citizens to become naturalized citizens, and assist them with the required citizenship applications;

To engage in non-partisan activities and implement programs throughout Southwest Florida that serve to educate its served population about their rights as voters;

To motivate constituents to carry out their civic duties by participating in the electoral process;

To engage in any activity permitted under the laws of the United States of America, its territories, districts, and possessions, and any activity permitted under the laws of the State of Florida, and to have, exercise, and enjoy the powers and privileges granted to corporations not-for-profit by Chapter 617, Florida Statutes; and

To do all and everything necessary, suitable and proper, for the accomplishment of any of the purposed of the attainment of any of the objectives, or for the furtherance of the powers herein set forth, either alone or in association with other corporations, firms, or individuals, and to do every other act or acts, thing or things, incidental or appurtenant to or growing out of or connected with the aforesaid business of powers, or any part thereof; provided that the same be not inconsistent with the laws under which this corporation is organized.

ARTICLE IV

The purposes for which the Haitian American Association of Southwest Florida, Inc. is organized are exclusively charitable, scientific, literary and education purposes, including for such purposes, the making of distributions to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations within the meaning of section 501(c) 3 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

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In pursuit of its goals, and recognizing that voting is an inalienable constitutional right, guaranteed to all citizens, the organization shall establish the following objectives:

- (1) Establish programs that will serve to educate Haitians about the need and value of becoming United States citizens;
- (2) Assist and prepare the required citizenship applications on behalf of applicants;
- (3) Establish citizenship classes about United States history and government;
- (4) Organize seminars and workshops to educate new citizens on how to properly vote according to ballot design; and to
- (5) Educate voters about Florida electoral laws.

ARTICLE V

No part of the net earnings of the organization shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its members, trustees, officers, or other private persons, except that the organization 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 hereof. No substantial part of the activities of the organization shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the organization 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 an organization exempt from federal income tax 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 VI

Members shall qualify for admission, and shall be admitted as members, in accordance with the by-laws of this corporation. A two-third vote of the membership shall be required for the election of new directors or the removal of current directors. Annually, during the month of December, the membership shall elect, from among those nominees previously approved by the Executive Committee of the Board, those members receiving the highest number of votes as there are vacancies.

ARTICLE VII

The street address of the registered office of this corporation is: 5248 Golden Gate Parkway, Unit 500 • Naples, FL 34116

ARTICLE VIII

This corporation shall have as directors those persons designated in this Article below. The number of directors may be either increased or decreased from time to time by the By-Laws, but shall never be less than three (3) nor more than twenty-one (21). The names and addresses of the directors of this corporation are:

NAME	ADDRESS	CITY/STATE/ZIP CODE
Egain Garcon	2648 55 th Terrace	Naples, FL 34116
Alex Bain	4330 20 th Street NE	Naples, FL 34120
Rice Jeudy	194 Santa Clara Drive, # 4	Naples, FL 34104
Nesly Loute	5248 Golden Gate Pkwy, #500	Naples, FL 34116
St. Martin Oreus	3320 Balboa Circle	Naples, FL 34105
Cheryl Gonzalez	10275 Heritage Bay Blvd., #733	Naples, FL 34120

ARTICLE IX

The names and addresses of the officers who are to conduct the business of this corporation until those elected at the first election are as follows:

NAME	ADDRESS	CITY/STATE/ZIP CODE
Egain Garcon, Treasurer	2648 55 th Terrace	Naples, FL 34116
Alex Bain, Chairman	4330 20 th Street NE	Naples, FL 34120
Rice Jeudy, Vice Chairman/Vice President	194 Santa Clara Drive, # 4	Naples, FL 34104
Nesly Loute, President	5248 Golden Gate Pkwy, #500	Naples, FL 34116
St. Martin Oreus, Assistant Treasurer	3320 Balboa Circle	Naples, FL 34105
Cheryl Gonzalez, Secretary	10275 Heritage Bay Blvd., #733	Naples, FL 34120

ARTICLE X

Upon the dissolution of the corporation, 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, 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 the Court of Common Please 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 name(s) and addresses of the founders of this organization and developers of these Articles are:

NAME	ADDRESS	CITY/STATE/ZIP CODE
Egain Garcon	2648 55 th Terrace	Naples, FL 34116
Alex Bain	4330 20 th Street NE	Naples, FL 34120
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Cheryl Gonzalez	10275 Heritage Bay Blvd., #733`	Naples, FL 34120
Hon. Jacques A. Despinosse	95 N.E. 131 st Street	North Miami, FL 33161

		F, the undersigned subscriber has executed these Original Articles of Incorporation		
	this day of May	2008.		
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	STATE OF FLORIDA)		
) as:		
	COUNTY OF COLLIER)		
	BEFORE ME, a notary public authorized to take acknowledgement in the State and County set forth above,			
	personally appeared	Nesly Loute, known to me and known by me to be the person who executed the		
	foregoing Articles of	ncorporation, and he acknowledged before me that he executed these Articles of		
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		nent was acknowledged before me on this $\underline{\mathscr{C}}$ day of May, 2008, by Nesly Loute,		
		own to me or who has produced:		
	* MY CO	AMISSION # DD 408476		
•	PEOFFICIENT Bonded	IES: March 20, 2009 (type of identification) as identification.		
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	Notary Public - STAT	OF FLORIDA		

My Commission Expires:

HAITIAN AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF SOUTHWEST FLORIDA

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

IN COMPLIANCE WITH SECTION 48.091, FLORIDA STATUTES, THE FOLLOWING IS SUBMITTED:

FIRST – THAT, THE HAITIAN AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF SOUTHWEST FLORIDA, INC., DESIRING TO ORGANIZE OR QUALIFY UNDER THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA WITH ITS PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS AT: 5248 Golden Gate Parkway, Unit 500 • Naples, FL 34116, HAS NAMED NESLY LOUTE AS ITS AGENT TO ACCEPT SERVICE OF PROCESS WITHIN FLORIDA.

HAVING BEEN NAMED TO ACCEPT SERVICE OF PROCESS FOR THE ABOVE STATED CORPORATION, AT THE PLACE DESIGNATED IN THIS CERTIFICATE, I HEREBY AGREE TO ACT IN THIS CAPACITY, AND I FURTHER AGREE TO COMPLY WITH THE PROVISIONS OF ALL STATUTES RELATIVE TO THE PROPER AND COMPLETE PERFORMANCE OF DUTIES.

Nesly Loute, President

STATE OF FLORIDA

) as:

COUNTY OF COLLIER)

BEFORE ME, a notary public authorized to take acknowledgement in the State and

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County set forth above, personally appeared: **Nesly Loute**, known to me and known by me to be the person who executed the foregoing Articles of Incorporation, and he acknowledged before me that he executed these Articles of Incorporation.

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me on this <u>g</u> day of May, 2008, by **Nesly Loute**, who is personally known to me or who has produced:

(type of identification) as identification.

***COMMISSION # DD 408478
EXPIRES: March 20, 2009
Bonded Thru Budget Notary Services

Notary Public - STATE OF FLORIDA

My Commission Expires: Myoull 20, 2009