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Cover Letter Incorporation Institute for Community Empowerment, Inc

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

Subject: Institute for Community Empowerment, Inc. (Proposed Corporation Name)

Enclosed is an original and one (1) copy of the Articles of Incorporation and a check for: \$87.50, to cover Filing Fees, Certified Copy and Certificate

From:

Arlon Kennedy, Sr. 5991 N.W. 14th Court Sunrise, Florida 33313 954.415.1357

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Articles of Incorporation OF. Institute for Community Empowerment, Inc.

A Not For Profit Florida Corporation

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Article I NAME / REGISTERED OFFICE / PRINCTPAL

The name of the corporation shall be: Institute for Community Empowerment, Inc. The corporation's registered office is located at 5991 N.W. 14th Court, Sunrise, Florida 33313. The name of the registered agent at said address is Arlon Kennedy, Sr.

Article II **DURATION**

The duration of the corporation shall be perpetual.

Article III **PURPOSE**

The Corporation is organized exclusively for charitable purposes. The specific and primary purposes are:

- (1)To raise the economic, educational and social levels of the under-privileged residents of Broward County, Florida, and other similar communities, who are substantially under-employed and have low income, who are proportionately more often the victims of crime, by fostering and promoting community-wide interests and concern for the problems of such residents, and to that end;
 - (a) Racial tension, prejudice, and discrimination, economic and otherwise, may be eliminated;
 - (b) Sickness, poverty and crime may be lessened; and
 - (c) Educational and economic opportunities may be expanded among the residents of Broward County, Florida.

- (2) To expand the opportunities available to said residents to control, manage and eliminate crime, sickness and poverty; to assist said residents and groups in developing skills necessary for the successful elimination of crime, poverty and sickness; to provide financial support for the successful efforts of said residents and to assist said residents in obtaining such financial support from other sources.
- (3) To expand the opportunities available to said residents to obtain adequate affordable, or low-income housing accommodations.
- (4) To aid, support and assist by gifts, contributions or otherwise, other corporations, community chests, funds and foundations organized and operated exclusively for charitable, religious, scientific, literary or educational purposes, no part of the net earnings of which inures to the benefits of any private shareholders or individuals, and no substantial part of the activities of which is carrying on propaganda, or otherwise attempting t influence legislation.
- (5) To do any and all lawful activities which may be necessary, useful or desirable for the furtherance, accomplishment, fostering or attainment of the foregoing purposes, either directly or indirectly, and either alone or in conjunction or cooperation with others, whether such others be persons or organizations of any kind or nature such as corporations, firms associations, trusts, institutions, foundations or governmental bureaus, departments or agencies.
- (A)In furtherance, but not in limitation, of the foregoing charitable, and educational purpose, the corporation shall have the following powers:
 - To solicit, collect, and receive money and other assets, and administer funds and contributions received by grant, gift, deed bequest or device, and otherwise to acquire money, securities, property, rights and services of every kind and description, and to hold, invest, expand contribute, use, sell or otherwise dispose of any money, securities, property, rights or services so acquired for the purpose above mentioned;
 - (2) To borrow money and to make, accept, endorse, execute and issue bonds, debentures, promissory notes, and other corporate obligations, for monies borrowed, or in payment for property acquired or for any of the purposes of the corporation, and to secure a payment of any such obligations by mortgage, pledge, deed,

indenture, agreement or other instrument of trust, or by other lien upon, assignment of or agreement in regard to all or any part of the property, rights or privileges of the Corporation.

- (3) To invest and reinvest its funds in such mortgagees, bonds notes, debentures, shares preferred or common stock, and any other securities or any kind whatsoever, and property, real, personal or mixed, tangible or intangible, all as the Corporation's Board shall deem advisable, and as may be permitted by law:
- (4) To provide advice, support, credit, funds, capital, gifts and all other lawful forms of assistance, financial and otherwise, to or for use in business enterprises owned, or destined to be owned, by said residents and groups;
- (5) To furnish management, administrative and other business advice, support, training and technical assistance to said residents and groups in order to enable them to develop necessary skills to successfully operate business enterprises;
- (6) To encourage and voluntarily assist said residents and groups to organize, create, acquire, obtain financing for own manage and operate business enterprises;
- (7) To obtain information and conduct research, studies and analysts of the problems of said community, and prepare and publish reports as to any and all matters that may be of use in furthering the efforts of said residents and groups to break the cycle of crime, poverty and sickness..
- (8) To conduct educational and other efforts to break the cycle of crime, poverty and sickness and to foster the establishment of sound and constructive relationships between the various components of communities of Broward County, Florida and other similar communities, including but not limited to educational, religious, social, business and financial communities.
- (9) To aid, support and assist by gifts, contributions, loans, investments and other lawful forms of assistance other persons of organizations seeking to expand the opportunity for business ownership by said residents and groups in organizing, creating acquiring, obtaining financing for, and managing the efforts to break the cycle of crime, poverty and sickness;

- (10) To conduct educational activities and designed to provide instruction or training of said residents and groups for the purpose of improving or developing their capabilities, language, technical or job skills, and the instruction of the public on subjects useful to said residence and groups, and beneficial t the community as a whole;
- (11) To engage in housing construction, development, ownership, management, and related activities in order to improve the living conditions of said residents:
- (12) To engage in the activity of operating business ventures for the purpose of providing job training, employment, and managerial development opportunities to said residents for the charitable purpose of furthering the economic development of the community, or the improvement of the operation, and functioning of other charitable groups or organizations;
- (13) To engage in any and all other activities which will directly or indirectly improve the welfare and economic conditions of said residents and groups; and
- (14) To exercise all other rights and powers conferred upon corporations formed under the General Non-Profit Corporation law of the State of Florida, provided, however, that the Company shall not engage in any activities or exercise any powers, including those specifically mentioned herein, that are not in furtherance of the specific and primary charitable, and educational purpose of the corporation.
- (B) All of the foregoing purposes and powers shall be exercised exclusively for the charitable and educational purposes in such manner that the company shall qualify as an exempt organization under section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954.

Articles IV LIMITATIONS

At all times the following shall operate as conditions restricting the operations and activities of the corporation:

1. No part of the net earnings of the corporation shall inure to any member of the corporation not qualifying as exempt under Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as now enacted or hereafter amended, nor to any

Director or officer of the corporation, nor to any other private persons, excepting solely such reasonable compensation that corporation shall pay for services actually rendered to the corporation, or allowed by the corporation as a reasonable allowance for authorized expenditures incurred on behalf of the corporation;

- 2. No substantial part of the activities of the corporation shall constitute the carrying on of propaganda or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, or any initiative or referendum before the public, and the corporation shall not participate in, or intervene in (including by publication or distribution of statements), any political campaign on behalf of, or in opposition to, any candidate for public office; and,
- 3. Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, the corporation shall not carry on any 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 Code of 1986, as now enacted or hereafter amended.
- 4. The corporation shall not lend any of its assets to any director of this corporation (unless such loan program is regularly conducted as part of the activities of the organization and the qualifications of the individual to participate in same is determined by a panel whose membership is comprised in majority, by non-Board members, or guarantee to any person the payment of a loan by an officer or director of this corporation.

Article V DIRECTORS / OFFICERS

The corporation shall have no voting members. The management and affairs of the corporation shall be at all times under the direction of a Board of Directors, whose operations in governing the corporation shall be defined by statute and by the corporation's by-laws. No Director shall have any right, title, or interest in or to any property of the corporation.

The name and address of the initial officers until the first meeting of the Corporation shall be:

Arlon Kennedy, Sr.

<u>President/CEO</u>

5991 N.W. 13th Court
Sunrise, Florida 33313

Gino S. Jamison
<u>Vice President</u>
1716 S.W. 5th Court
Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33312

Ronald Carter

<u>Secretary/Treasurer</u>

4701 S.W. 24th Street

West Park, Florida 33023

The above named officers of the Corporation shall comprise the initial Board of Directors, and shall preside over the initial meeting at which time additional Directors and Officers maybe appointed according to the organization's By-laws or state statutes.

Article VI DEBT OBLIGATIONS AND PERSONAL LIABILITY

No member, officer or Director of this corporation shall be personally liable for the debts or obligations of this corporation of any nature whatsoever, nor shall any of the property of the officers or Directors be subject to the payment of the debts or obligations of this corporation.

Article VII DISSOLUTION

Upon the time of the dissolution of the corporation, assets shall be distributed by the Board of Directors after paying or making provisions for the payment of all debts, obligations liabilities, costs and expenses of the corporation, for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or shall be distributed to the federal government, state or local government for a public purpose. Any such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by a Court of competent Jurisdiction of the county in which the corporation is then located, exclusively for such purposes or to such organizations, as said Court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.

Article VIII
EFFECTIVE DATE

The effective date of the Corporation shall be October 20, 2008

Article IX INCORPORATOR

The name and address of the incorporator of this corporation

is:

Arlon Kennedy, Sr. 5991 N.W. 14th Court Sunrise, Florida 33313

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

Signature/Registered Agent

Signature/Incorporator

Date