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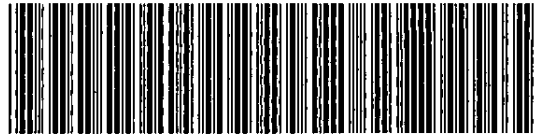
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SUBJECT: Mary McLeod Bethune Legacy Preservation Institute, Inc.
(PROPOSED CORPORATE NAME - MUST INCLUDE SUFFIX)

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

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FROM: Dr. Evelyn I. Bethune
Name (Printed or typed)

243 College Park Drive
Address

Daytona Beach, FL 32114
City, State & Zip

386-334-6924
Daytime Telephone number

docbethune@marymcleodbethune1875.com
E-mail address: (to be used for future annual report notification)

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

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**ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION
NON-PROFIT CORPORATION – STATE OF FLORIDA
MARY MCLEOD BETHUNE LEGACY PRESERVATION INSTITUTE, INC**

"I plunged into the job of creating something from nothing. Though I didn't have a penny left, I considered cash money as the smallest part of my resources. I had faith in a living God, faith in myself, and a desire to serve." These are the words Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune, born 15th of 17 children in the midst of poverty in the reconstruction South, founder of Bethune-Cookman College in Daytona Beach, Florida, advisor to four United States Presidents, holder of 11 honorary degrees and awards too numerous to mention, the namesake of hundreds of schools in the U.S. and other nations, founder of the National Council of Negro Women, and in whose honor a statue graces Lincoln Park in Washington, D.C. – the only statue of an African-American woman in our capital. Indeed, this summarizes the honor, integrity and commitment of this company, her grandchildren and its founders.

The undersigned incorporator(s), (a) natural person(s) 18 years of age or older, in order to form a corporate entity under Florida State Statutes Chapter 617.0202, F.S.,

**ARTICLE I
NAME OF CORPORATION**

The name of this corporation shall be: **Mary McLeod Bethune Legacy Preservation Institute, Inc.**

**ARTICLE II
PRINCIPLE PLACE OF BUSINESS -REGISTERED OFFICE**

The corporation's registered office is located at: 243 College Park Dr., Daytona Beach, FL 32114. The MAILING address is P. O. Box 2008 Daytona Beach, FL 32115-2008. The

**ARTICLE III
PURPOSE**

Said corporation is organized exclusively for charitable, religious, educational, and scientific purposes, including, for such purposes, the making of distributions to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code..

To this end, the corporation shall endeavor to reach beyond the standard classroom and the college campus to inspire people to learn and grow in the knowledge of the Life and Legacy of Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune and in doing so, improve the quality of life for themselves, their communities, the country and the world. By becoming better people, we also become better citizens. We seek to touch parents, relatives and educators alike. Our goal is to provide inspirational, life changing products, (books, curriculum, tapes, videos, etc) services, (workshops, seminars, teach-ins, etc), and events, (festivals, conferences, etc), grounded in the highest standards of excellence, integrity and community enrichment. In this way we influence and support this larger educational process. At the very core of this company stands the inspiring, awesome, far-reaching legacy of Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune, touching every employee, every vendor, every contractor, every customer, every product

and every service. Every thing we do has a direct relationship to the faith-based concept of "educate to serve." Education is our center of gravity. Education is our point of departure and our ultimate destination. Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune gave a life of service to others and our purpose is to ensure that those accomplishments are not forgotten but stand as a foundation to achieve even greater.

All funds, whether income or principal, and whether acquired by gift or contribution or otherwise, shall be devoted to said purposes.

ARTICLE IV DIRECTORS/MEMBERS

The corporation may (but need not) have voting members, and such membership, if any, and classes thereof, shall be as defined in the corporation's bylaws. 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 member or Director shall have any right, title, or interest in or to any property of the corporation.

The corporation's first Board of Directors shall be comprised of the following natural persons:

1. Dr. Evelyn Bethune,
243 College Park Dr,
Daytona Beach, Fl 32114
2. Lynda Shorter
8601 Roberts Drive #1-12
Dunwoody, GA 30350
3. Marcia Bethune-Johnson
243 College Park Dr
Daytona Beach, Fl 32114

ARTICLE V THE MANNER IN WHICH DIRECTORS ARE ELECTED OR APPOINTED

The Board of Directors (BOD) shall consist of a minimum of 3 Directors as named in these Articles of Incorporation but not more than eleven members. The number of Directors may be increased by a majority vote of current, sitting Directors.

Names of Prospective additions to the BOD may be submitted by Directors and should include a biographical sketch with references.

ARTICLE VI 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 the 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 officer or director of this corporation [unless such loan program is regularly conducted as part of the activities of the organization and the qualification of the individual to participate in same is determined by a panel comprised solely of non-Board members!!], or guarantee to any person the payment of a loan by an officer or director of this corporation.

ARTICLE VII REGISTERED AGENT

Registered Agent is **Evelyn Bethune**, located at 243 College Park Drive, Daytona Beach, FL 32114, Volusia County. ***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.***


Signature accepting Registered Agent Designation

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**ARTICLE VIII
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 members, officers or Directors be subject to the payment of the debts or obligations of this corporation.

**ARTICLE IX
DISSOLUTION**

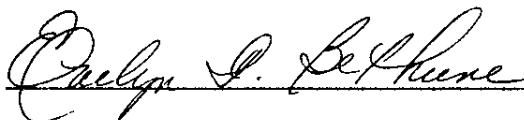
Upon the time of dissolution of the corporation, assets shall be distributed by the Board of Directors, after paying or making provisions for the payment of all debts, obligations, liabilities, costs and expenses of the corporation, for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or shall be distributed to the federal government, or to a 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 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.

**ARTICLE X
INCORPORATOR**

The incorporator(s) of this corporation is Evelyn I. Bethune, 243 College Park Dr., Daytona Beach, FL 32114, Volusia County.

ARTICLE XI

The undersigned incorporator certifies both that she execute(s) these Articles for the purposes herein stated, and that by such execution, she/he/they affirm(s) the understanding that should any of the information in these Articles be intentionally or knowingly misstated, she is subject to the criminal penalties for perjury set forth in Florida Statutes (F.S s.831.06,) as if this document had been executed under oath.

 10-9-09 signature date