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SUBJECT: THE COSMOPOLITANS OF OCALA, INC.

Enclosed is an original and two (2) copies of the Articles of Incorporation and a check for EIGHTY-SEVEN DOLLARS and FIFTY CENTS for Filing fee, Certified copy, and Certificate.

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The Cosmopolitans of Ocala, Inc.

Articles of Incorporation

Article I: Name

The name of the corporation, hereinafter is identified as
The Corporation is The Cosmopolitans of Ocala, Inc.

Article II: Principal Office

- A. The principal meeting address of the corporation is
The Marion Oaks Community Center located at 294 Marion Oaks
Lane, Ocala Florida 34473.
- B. The principal mailing address of the corporation is
5350 S.W. S.W. 111 Lane Road, Ocala, Marion County,
Florida 34476-7786

Article III: Purpose

The purposes for which the Corporation is formed are as follows:

1. To serve as a non-profit organization to promote and sustain, through the dissemination of historical information, a universal awareness of the past and present cultural, political, scientific, and educational contributions to mankind made by African-American men and women.
2. To stimulate an interest in African- American elementary, middle and high school students to pursue an interest in higher education as a means of fostering a greater knowledge of self, history, politics, economics and the sciences to further life goals.
3. To provide a continuous source of viable and current educational tools to local parents, guardians, schools, and other entities seeking to afford African- American and other minority youths with significant, meaningful and useful personal enrichment opportunities.
4. To annually provide multiple Scholarships to assist minority high school graduates residing in Marion County, Florida, who are actively seeking to, or who are actually engaged in furthering their respective knowledge and future life opportunities, by pursuing a collegiate or trade school education.

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Article IV: Manner of Election

- A. Pursuant to the By-Laws of the Corporation, the election of officers shall be held every two years in the month of December. Officers will be elected by written ballot for a period of one calendar year and may serve no more than two consecutive terms. Only members of the Corporation who have been members of the Corporation for a minimum period of two years and are in good standing may be nominated for any office. The election shall include candidates for the office of President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, and Sergeant -At-Arms. Only members in good standing may cast votes for any candidate or candidates for election as an officer.
- B. The Board of Directors shall consist of the elected officers, Committee Chairpersons, and no more than five at -large members appointed by the President, upon consent and approval of the membership, to serve during the President's term of office. Only members in good standing may serve on the Board of Directors.

Article V: Initial Officers and Board of Directors

- A. Officers of the Corporation
 1. Howard Lewis - President,
 2. Wilbur Griffith- Vice President
 3. Arthur B. McNeal, Sr. - Treasurer
 4. Dora Hardesty - Secretary
 5. Sydney Hardesty - Sergeant at Arms
- B. Board of Directors of the Corporation
 1. Edward T. Berry

Article VI: Dissolution

The Corporation may be dissolved only with authorization by its Board of Directors given at a special meeting called for that purpose and with subsequent approval by a two-thirds vote of Active Members (status determined by Membership Committee). Upon dissolution or other termination of the Corporation, all remaining assets the Corporation, after payment in full of all its debts, obligations, and necessary final expenses, or after the making of adequate provision therefore, shall be distributed to such tax exempt organizations (with purposes similar to those of the Corporation) as shall be chosen by the then Board of Directors of the Corporation.

Article VII: Initial Registered Agent and Street Address

The name and Florida Street address of the registered agent is:
Arthur B. McNeal, Sr., 5350 S.W. 111 Lane Road, Ocala, Marion County,
Florida 34476-7786

Article VIII: Incorporator

The name and Florida Street address of the Incorporator is:
Arthur B. McNeal, Sr., 5350 S.W. 111 Lane Road, Ocala, Marion County,
Florida 34476-7786

**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.**

Arthur B. McNeal, Sr.
Signature/Registered Agent
Arthur B. McNeal, Sr.
Signature/Incorporator

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