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# FLORIDA PROFIT/NON PROFIT CORPORATION JAIN EDUCATION AND RESEARCH FOUNDATION, INC.

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#### ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

OF

## JAIN EDUCATION AND RESEARCH FOUNDATION, INC.

Article I: Name and Location

The name of this corporation is Jain Education and Research Foundation, Inc. ("Corporation"). The principal address of the Corporation is: 36 NE 1 Street, Suite 321, Miami, FL 33132.

#### Article II: Duration

The term of the Corporation is perpetual unless dissolved sooner in accordance with its by-laws.

### Article III: Purpose

The Corporation is formed exclusively to operate as an educational, religious, and charitable non-profit purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as now enacted or hereafter amended ("Code"), including, for such purposes, the making of distributions to organizations that also qualify as Code Section 501(c)(3) exempt organizations. To this end, the corporation shall have the specific purpose to:

- 1. Receive charitable donations from community at large and use it to collaborate, fund, and facilitate, research and publication in Jain religion, philosophy, history, art, and culture working with research scholars, universities, educational, religious, academic, and research institutions, without any bias toward or affiliation with any specific sect of the Jain religion.
- Share and seek better understanding of the core Jain principles and values of non-violence, vegetarian lifestyle, self-restraint, meditation, and other Jain doctrines, philosophy, culture, and history.
- 3. Establish endowments at educational institutions to promote research and education in Jain studies and philosophy and perform all required roles with respect to these endowments.
- 4. Specifically raise and donate required funds to meet the financial commitment for establishment of endowment named, "Bhagwan Mahavir Professorship of Jain Studies", at Florida International University.
- 5. Perform all required roles on behalf of the community and donors with respect to establishing the above said endowment as well as perform advisory role for research activities and curriculum planned under the terms of the above said endowment by the appointed Professor and the Department of Religious Studies at Florida International University.

#### Article IV: Limitations

Notwithstanding any powers granted to the Corporation by its Articles, By Laws or by the laws of the State of Florida, the following limitations of power shall apply:

a. The 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 Code Section 501(c)(3).

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b. No part of the net earnings of the Corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its members, trustees, officers, or other private persons, except that the Corporation shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for the services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of purposes set forth in the purpose clause hereof. No substantial part of the activities of the Corporation shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the Corporation shall not participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of (or imporposition to) 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 (i) and organization exempt from federal income tax under Code Section 501(c)(3); or (ii) by an organization contributions to which are deductible under Code Section 170(c)(2).

#### Article V: Dissolution

Upon dissolution of the Corporation, the Board of Directors shall, after paying or making provision for the payment of all the liabilities of the Corporation, dispose off all of the assets of the Corporation exclusively for the purposes of the Corporation in such manner, or to such organizations organized and operated exclusively for charitable, education, religious, or scientific purposes promoting Jain values and themes as shall at the time qualify as an exempt organization under Code Section 501(c)(3) as the Board of Directors shall determine. Any such assets not so disposed off shall be disposed off by a court of competent jurisdiction in the county in which the principal office of the Corporation is then located, exclusively for such purposes or to such organization or organizations as such court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.

## Article VI: Membership

The Corporation shall have a membership 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.

The Corporation will also have a role of Samaniji (Priest) who will provide general guidance in the affairs of the Corporation and will have decision making authority as defined in the By-laws of the Corporation. The term Samaniji used herein will mean to refer to the senior Samaniji from Jain Vishwa Bharti staying in Miami. If no Samaniji is present in Miami, the term will mean the senior Samaniji from Jain Vishwa Bharti in United States.

No member or Director shall have any right, title, or interest in or to any property of the corporation. The corporation's first founding Board of Directors shall be comprised of the following natural persons:

## Founding Board of Directors:

Name:

#### Address:

1) Sapan Bafna	17397 SW 36th Street, Miramar, FL 33029
2) Dr. Nirmal Baid	5669 Trowbridge Way, San Jose, CA 95138
3) Shashi Jain	8117 SW 112th Street, Miami, FL 33156
4) Dr. Dipak Jain	915 Hamlin street, Evanston, Illinois 60201

The manner in which subsequent Directors are elected or appointed is set forth in the Corporation's By laws.

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#### Article VII: Dedication of Assets

The property and assets of the Corporation are irrevocably dedicated to educational, religious, and charitable purposes and no part of the net income or assets of the Corporation shall inure to the benefit of any director, officer or member thereof, or to the benefit of any private individual.

# Article VIII: Debt Obligations and Limitation of Liability

No member, officer or Director of this corporation shall be personally liable for the debts or obligations of the 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 IV: Incorporator

The name and address of the Incorporator to these Articles of Incorporation:

Henry H. Raattama, Jr.
One Southeast Third Avenue, Suite 2800
Miami, Florida 33131

Article X: Effective Date

Having been named as registered agent and to accept service of process for the above stated corporation at the place designated in this certificate, I hereby accept the appointment as registered agent and agree to act in this capacity. I further agree to comply with the provisions of all statutes

The Effective Date of the filing of the Corporation shall be April 14, 2010.

Henry H. Raattama, Jr., Incorporator

APIL14, 2010

relating to the proper and complete performance of my duties, and I am familiar with and accept the obligations of my position as registered agent.

CorpDirect Agents, Inc., Registered Agent

Name: Katie Wonsch

Title: Assistant Secretary

The name and Florida street address is:

CorpDirect Agents, Inc.

515 E Park Ave

Tallahassee, FL 32301

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