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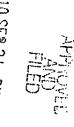
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### Renee' McLean-Brown 5231 Lighthouse Road Orlando, Florida 32808

September 14, 2010

Department of State
Division of Corporations
Clifton Building
2661 Executive Center Circle
Tallahassee, Florida 32301

To:

**Division of Corporations** 

Subject:

Request for Non-Profit Approval

Please review the enclosed "Articles of Incorporation" for our organization proposing to exist as the "Orlando Florida Steppers, Inc" to operate in an official capacity as a non-profit entity within the state of Florida.

Enclosed is a \$78.75 money order for:

Filing Fee

\$35.00

Registered Agent Designation

\$35.00

Certified Copy

<u>\$ 8.75</u>

\$78.75

#### Board Members are:

McLean-Brown, Renee'

President, Incorporator, Registered Agent

Campbell, Stephanie, L.

Vice President

Brown, Charles, B.

Treasurer

Green, Eric, C.

Secretary

Please mail the results of your determination at 5231 Lighthouse Road, Orlando, Florida 32808. The email address is naenaeprice@msn.com.

Thank you for your assistance,

Renee' McLean-Brown
5231 Lighthouse Road

Orlando, Florida, 32808

(407) 617-9744

Email: naenaeprice@msn.com

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## ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

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## Orlando Florida Steppers, Incorporated

We, the undersigned natural persons over the age of twenty-one, the majority of whom are citizens of the United States, and competent to contract, for the purpose of organizing a nonprofit Corporation pursuant to the laws set forth in Section 617 of Florida Statutes, do hereby adopt the following Articles of Incorporation.

#### **ARTICLE 1**

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#### **CORPORATE NAME**

The name of this Corporation shall be the Orlando Florida Steppers, Inc.

#### **ARTICLE II**

#### PRINCIPAL OFFICE AND REGISTERED AGENT

The street and mailing address for the initial place of business for the principal office of the Corporation shall be 5231 Lighthouse Road, Orlando, Florida 32808, and the name of its initial registered agent at such address is **Renee' McLean-Brown**.

#### ARTICLE III

#### **CORPORATE PURPOSE**

This 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.

More specifically, this corporation is organized as an educational entity, to share knowledge and promote quality of life improvements within underserved communities for the youth and adults through support efforts not limited to the following activities:

- To disseminate the history and promote the practice of Chicago Style Steppin ballroom dance.
- To provide its membership, the youth and other interest persons a means of self-improvement through Chicago Style Steppin ballroom dance.

- To promote health awareness for improved nutritional intake to reduce the potential risk condition of over-weight and obesity.
- To encourage exercise through Chicago Style Steppin ballroom dance formats for better physical health.
- To engage the natural passions of the youth and adults for music and dance to channel individual talents and enthusiasm through Chicago Style Steppin ballroom dance to incentivize volunteerism and service learning.
- To collaborate with organizations for reducing inter-group tensions, promoting law-abiding behavior and community development including youth tutorial and mentorship activities to reduce the risk of student dropout.
- To create a safe environment for the youth that fosters interpersonal etiquette, instill respect, good character and self-esteem through participation in Chicago Style Steppin ballroom dance.
- To serve as a crime preventive measure by providing another positive outlet for the youth to expend their energies, diffusing the potential rise in juvenile delinquency.
- To increase skills and knowledge through participation in hands-on music and dance systems technology projects.
- To offer workshops and facilitate meetings, conferences and other events for individuals interested in the history, and practice of Chicago Style Steppin dance.
- To publish a newsletter, brochures, books or similar documents concerning the history, and practice of Chicago Style Steppin dance.

#### **ARTICLE IV**

#### **INITIAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

This Corporation shall initially have four (4) Directors. The number of Directors may be either increased or diminished in accordance with the Bylaws, but shall never be less than three (3). The name and street addresses of the initial Directors of this Corporation are:

McLean-Brown, Renee' – President, 5231 Lighthouse Road, Orlando, Florida 32808 Campbell, Stephanie, L. – Vice President, 5673 Altec Court, Orlando, FL 32808 Brown, Charles, B. – Treasurer, 5231 Lighthouse Road, Orlando, Florida 32808 Green, Eric, C. – Secretary, 1956 North Carpenter Road, Titusville, Florida 32796

#### **ARTICLE V**

#### MANNER OF ELECTION

The Directors of the Corporation shall be elected biennially in accordance with qualifications and methods specified in the Bylaws of the Corporation.

#### **ARTICLE VI**

#### **CORPORATE DURATION**

This nonstock based Corporation shall commence existence upon the date of filing and approval of its Articles of Incorporation by the Florida Department of State Office. Corporate duration shall have perpetual existence unless it is dissolved pursuant to the laws of the State of Florida and these Articles of Incorporation.

#### **ARTICLE VII**

#### **CORPORATE POWERS**

This Corporation shall have all the powers and authority to conduct and manage its corporate affairs granted to corporations not for profit under the laws of the State of Florida.

Under that authority, this Corporation shall purchase, take, receive, lease, take by gift, devise, or bequest, or otherwise acquire, own, hold, improve, use, or otherwise deal in and with real or personal property, or any interest therein, wherever situated to effect any or all of the purposes for which the Corporation is organized.

#### ARTICLE VIII

#### **CORPORATE MEMBERSHIP**

The Members of the Corporation shall consist of persons who are interested in the educational purposes of the Corporation and who meet such additional qualifications as may be prescribed in the Bylaws of this Corporation. Qualified persons shall become members of the Corporation upon approval authorized by the Board of Directors.

Membership classification, the manner of their admission, election for office or appointment, voting and other rights and privileges of members and the provisions for termination of membership shall be as set forth and regulated by the Bylaws of this Corporation.

#### **ARTICLE IX**

#### **CHARITABLE RESTRICTIONS AND LIMITATIONS**

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 services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth in Article III 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 in opposition to any candidate for public office.

Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, the corporation shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on by:

- A not-for-profit corporation under Chapter 617, Florida Statutes, or any other corresponding provision of any future Florida Statute; or
- Any corporation, contributions to which are deductible under Section 170(c)(2)
  of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 or corresponding section of any future
  federal tax code; or
- A corporation exempted from Federal Income Tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 or corresponding section of any future Federal Tax Code.

#### **ARTICLE X**

#### DISSOLUTION OF THE CORPORATION

In the event of dissolution of the Corporation, the remaining assets shall be used to make final payments, or provision made for payments of all debts and liabilities of the Corporation. Afterwards, the asset balance shall be distributed 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 XI**

#### <u>INCORPORATOR</u>

The name and street address of the Incorporator of these Articles of Incorporation is Renee' McLean-Brown, Rome McLean-Brown, Rome McLean-Brown, Inc., 5231 Lighthouse Road, Orlando, Florida 32808.

#### **ARTICLE XII**

#### **BYLAWS**

The Directors, by majority vote, are authorized to establish initial Bylaws for the Corporation. The power to alter, amend, or repeal the Bylaws or adopt new Bylaws shall be vested in the Board of Directors. The Bylaws may contain any provision for the regulation, management and administration of the affairs of the Corporation and the exercise of its corporate powers, but not inconsistent with Florida law or the Articles of Incorporation.

#### ARTICLE XIII

#### **INDEMNIFICATION**

The liability of the Corporation's Officers, Directors, Employees and Agents is limited. This Corporation has the power to fully indemnify any former or current Officers, Directors and Agents as provided in Florida Statutes Chapter 617. The determination for indemnification as required by Florida Statutes shall be made by the Directors in accordance with the Bylaws of this Corporation.

#### **ARTICLE XIV**

#### AMENDMENT TO THE ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

This Corporation reserves the right to amend or repeal any provisions contained in these Articles of Incorporation. Amendments to the Articles of Incorporation must be adopted by a majority vote of the Directors at any board meeting scheduled for that determination.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the undersign subscriber has executed these Articles of Incorporation this 14<sup>th</sup> day of August 2010.

Renee' McLean-Brown, President Orlando Florida Steppers, Inc.

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SECRETARY OF STATE TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA

# STATE OF FLORIDA COUNTY OF ORANGE

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, personally appeared

Renee' McLean-Brown to me known to be the person who executed the foregoing

Articles of Incorporation and she acknowledged to and before me that she executed such instrument.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal this <u>14\*\*</u> day of August 2010.

Notary Public State of Florida

**My Commission Expires** 

## ACCEPTANCE OF RESIDENT AGENT

Having been named as registered agent to accept services of process for the above stated Corporation, at the place designated in the Articles of Incorporation, I the undersigned accepts to act in this capacity and agrees to comply with the provisions of law relative to keeping open this corporate office.

Renee' McLean-Brown, Registered Agent

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