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#### **COVER LETTER**

Department of State
Division of Corporations
P. O. Box 6327
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SUBJECT: Center for Re-Entry Entrepre neus hip and Computer Literacy, Inc. (PROPOSED CORPORATENAME-MUST INCLUDE SUFFIX)

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FROM: DR. Ben D. Thomas

Name (Printed or typed)

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City, State & Zip

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# ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION FEB 15 PM 1: 55

In compliance with Chapter 617, F.S., (Not for Profit) STORE THE STATE

The undersigned incorporators of a Not For Profit Organization under Chapter 617 of Florida Statutes, adopt the following Articles of Incorporation:

## **ARTICLE I**

#### **NAME**

The name of this corporation shall be:

Center for Re-Entry Entrepreneurship and Computer Literacy, Inc.

# **ARTICLE II**

#### REGISTERED OFFICE ADDRESS

The principal street office of this corporation is:

110 Serenata Drive, #411, Ponte Verde Beach, Florida, 32082

## **ARTICLE III**

#### **PURPOSE**

The corporation is organized exclusively for educational and charitable purposes under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, this corporation shall not, except to an insubstantial degree, engage in any activities, or exercise any powers not in furtherance of section 501(c)(3).

The purpose of The Center for Re-Entry Entrepreneurship and Computer Literacy, Inc. is:

- To stem correctional recidivism and encourage the positive re-entry of incarcerated individuals into the community and labor economy by enhancing entrepreneurial and personal development, the Center for Re-Entry Entrepreneurship and Computer Literacy will collaborate and partner with correctional institutions, the community economic development sector, higher education institutions, charitable organizations, government entities and veterans groups to stimulate the development of prison entrepreneurial training programs including the provision of technical assistance support and evaluation.
- To encourage expansion of computer based learning and the development of computer laboratories in correctional facilities to boost computer literacy of incarcerated individuals, The Center for Re-Entry Entrepreneurship and Computer Literacy will serve as a clearinghouse for research, program best practices and evaluation of computer literacy initiatives; and, work with corporations, non-profit organizations and charitable groups to facilitate the acquisition of computers for near to release incarcerated individuals.

# **ARTICLE IV**

#### **EXEMPTION REQUIREMENTS**

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

 No part of the net earnings of the organization 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 purpose set for in the purpose clause herefo.

- 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.
- 3. Notwithstanding any other provisions of this document, the corporation shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on by an organization exempt from federal income tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code or corresponding section of any future tax code, or by any organization, contributions to which are deductible under section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding sections of any future tax code.

# ARTICLE V

#### **ELECTION OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

The Board of Directors will be elected and appointed in keeping with the By Laws of the corporation.

# **ARTICLE VI**

#### MEMBERSHIP/BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Center for Re-Entry Entrepreneurship and Computer Literacy shall have one or more classes of members, as provided in the corporation's by-laws. The management of affairs of the corporation shall be vested in the Board of Directors, as defined in the corporation's bylaws. No Director shall have any right, title or interest in or to any property of the corporation.

No member, officer or director of The Center for Re-Entry Entrepreneurship shall be liable for the debs or obligations of this corporation of any nature whatsoever, nor shall the property of the members, officers, or directors be subject to the payment of debts or obligations of this corporation.

The number of Directors constituting the first Board of Directors is six (6).

Their names and addresses are as follows:

Dr. Benjamin D. Thomas, Ph.D.

110 S. Serenata Drive, #411, Ponte Vedra Beach, Florida, 32082

Dr. Rudolph F. Boone, Ph.D.

3201 NE 183<sup>rd</sup> Street, #504, Aventura, Florida, 33160

Dr. Kendrick Pierre, Ph.D.

9320 NW 13 Street, Pembroke Pines, Florida, 33024

Cecelia I. Denmark

14472 SW 33<sup>rd</sup> Street, Miramar, Florida, 33029

Martha Brown

940 Rainderry Drive, Del Rey Beach, Florida, 33345

Rudy Jean-Bart

17580 SW 29th Court, Miramar, Florida, 33029

Eric Thompson

3603 Birch Terrace, Davie, Florida, 33330

Members of the initial board of directors shall serve until the first annual meeting, at which time, their successors will be duly elected and qualified, or removed as provided by the bylaws.

# **ARTICLE VII**

#### 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 oblications of this corporation.

# **ARTICLE VIII**

#### **DURATION/DISSOLUTION**

The duration of the corporate existence shall be perpetual until dissolution.

Upon the dissolution of the organization, assets of the corporation shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or 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.

# **ARTICLE IX**

#### **REGISTERED AGENTS**

Dr. Benjamin D. Thomas, Ph.D.

110 S. Serenata Drive, #411, Ponte Vedra Beach, Florida, 32082

# **ARTICLE X**

#### **INCORPORATORS**

Dr. Benjamin D. Thomas, Ph.D.

110 S. Serenata Drive, #411, Ponte Vedra Beach, Florida, 32802

Dr. Rudolph F. Boone, Ph.D.

3201 NE 183<sup>rd</sup> Street, #504, Aventura, Florida, 33160

Having been named as registered agents to accept service of process for the above stated corporation at the place(s) designated in this certificate, I am familiar with and accept the appointment of registered agent and agree to act in this capacity.

Signature of Registered Agent

Date

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I submit this document and affirm that the facts stated herein are true.

I am aware that any false information submitted in a document to the Department of State constitutes a third degree felony as provided in s.817.155, F.S.

Signature of Incorporator Date

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