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THE CIRCLE OF FRIENDS OF SOUTH FLORIDA, INC.

ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

The undersigned incorporator, for the purpose of forming a Non-Profit Corporation under the Non-Profit Corporation Law of Florida, hereby adopts the following Articles of Incorporation:

ARTICLE I - The Corporation

- <u>Section 1.</u> The name of the Corporation shall be **The Circle of Friends of South Florida**, **Inc.**, hereinafter also called The Organization.
- Section 2. The corporation's initial principal office and mailing address is 675 Royal Palm Beach, Blvd., Suite 103, FL 33411.
- <u>Section 3</u>. The Circle of Friends of South Florida, Inc., hereinafter referred to as "FRIENDS" is a non-profit organization, with intent of becoming tax exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, subject to public auditing and accountability.
 - 3A. The purposes for which The Circle of Friends of South Florida, Inc. was organized are exclusively cultural, educational and charitable within the meaning of section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Service Code of 1986 or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law.
 - 3B. Notwithstanding any provision of these articles, this organization shall not carry on any 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 of 1986 or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law.
- <u>Section 4.</u> The affairs of The Circle of Friends of South Florida, Inc. shall be governed by its Constitution and By-Laws which may be reviewed and amended by the Board of Directors, upon approval by a majority vote at a meeting that is especially called for that purpose.
- Section 5. The existence of The Circle of Friends of South Florida, Inc., shall commence upon the filing of its Articles of Incorporation by the Florida Department of State and shall continue in perpetuity, unless dissolved by law.

ARTICLE II- Purpose

Section 1. The Circle of Friends of South Florida, Inc. is organized as a not-for-profit Florida Corporation for the purpose of engaging in any and lawful activities in furtherance of the specific purposes listed below. The Circle of Friends of South Florida, Inc. shall have all of the powers vested in the Corporation organized under the existing virtue of such laws. The FRIENDS specific purposes are as follows:

- 1A. To support and promote an interest in and an understanding of the various arts and cultures especially but not exclusively of the Philippines.
- 2B. To aid, support and assist by gifts, contributions or otherwise, other individuals, corporations, associations, organizations, and foundations whose work and activities are in line with the Foundation's purposes.
- 3B. To have members of sincere, responsible and determined individuals expecting nothing in return out of charity work, community service and FRIEND's purpose as stated in Article I, Section 3A.

Section 2. All of the foregoing purposes and powers shall be exercised exclusively for the charitable and educational purposes in such manner that the corporation shall examinify as an exempt organization under section 501(c)(3).

Section 3. Restrictions on Corporate Purpose. In fulfilling the specific purposes, the following restrictions are imposed:

3A. No part of the net earnings of the Organization shall inure to the benefit of be a distributable to its members, trustees, officers, or other private persons, except that the Organization 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 3 hereof. No substantial part of the activities of the Organization shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation and the Organization 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 Organization shall not, except to an insubstantial degree, engage in any activities or exercise any powers that are not in furtherance of this Organization, or carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on by a corporation exempt from federal income tax under section 501©3 of the Internal Revenue Code.

ARTICLE III- Membership

Section 1 Membership in The Circle of Friends of South Florida, Inc. shall be open to individuals interested in community service to improved quality of life, an understanding of arts and culture in the community.

Section 2. The cost of membership shall be defined and approved by the FRIENDS' Board of Directors.

Section 3. Regular membership is renewable on an annual basis at the beginning of each fiscal year, upon payment of the annual pledge

ARTICLE IV- The Board of Directors and Manner of Election

Section 1. The Circle of Friends of South Florida, Inc. shall have twenty (20) members of the Board of Directors, of which Founding Members shall be permanent members of the Board. The Founding Members are defined in the By-Laws. The remaining members of the Board shall be nominated from the registered members and elected by a majority vote from among the members present during a special meeting held for that purpose.

ARTICLE V- Officers

Section 2. The initial officers of The Circle of Friends of South Florida, Inc. are:

Edwin B. Dominado
Aurora Ante
Secretary
Asst. Secretary
Treasurer
Asst. Treasurer
- President
- Vice President
- Modesta Tenay
- Kirsten Regalado
- Fe Orbigoso
- Dina Hussein

Section 3. The President shall assume office for a minimum of four years in order to build a firm and solid foundation for FRIENDS. Following the initial term, the President may choose to remain in office for the next successive terms of four years each, based on the recommendation of the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE VI- Amendment of Articles

Section 1. The Articles may be amended as prescribed by the Florida Statute.

ARTICLE VII- By -Laws

Section 1. The affairs of The Circle of Friends of South Florida, Inc. shall be governed by its By-Laws, which may be reviewed and amended upon majority vote of the Board of Directors present at a meeting that is especially called for that purpose.

ARTICLE VIII- Registered Agent

The name and address in the State of Florida of this Organization's initial registered agent for service of process are:

Fe M. Orbigoso 6145 Ungerer Street Jupiter, FL 33458

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

Fe M. Orbigoso 6145 Ungerer Street Jupiter, FL 33458

In witness of this, for the purpose of forming this corporation under the laws of the State of Florida, the undersigned incorporator of this corporation has executed these Articles of Incorporation on this 3rd day of May, 2011.

FE M. ØRBIGOSO, Incorporator

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Date: May 3, 2011

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