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# ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

**OF** 

EMPTY ATTIC PROJECT, INC. (a Florida not for profit corporation)

The undersigned incorporator hereby files these Articles of Incorporation to form a non-stock, perpetually existing corporation not for profit pursuant to Chapter 617, Florida Statutes, as amended.

# ARTICLE I

#### Name and Address

The name of this corporation shall be Empty Attic Project, Inc. The initial mailing address of the Corporation shall be 5941 S.W. 105th Street, Miami, Florida 33 56

# ARTICLE II

#### Purposes

Section 1. The Corporation is organized exclusively for charitable and educational purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code").

Section 2. Without in any way limiting the foregoing general purposes, the specific poses of the Corporation shall be (i) to solicit donations of new and used toys, dolls, collectibles and other related goods, refurbish and repackage them and contribute them to underprivileged children and/or organizations that serve under-privileged children, and (ii) to solicit, collect, receive and maintain any other gifts, endowments or funds and to apply any of the same, together with any income earned thereon, to the promotion of the foregoing purposes.

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# ARTICLE III

#### Powers

Except as limited by these Articles of Incorporation or its Bylaws, the Corporation shall have and exercise all rights and powers in furtherance of its purposes as are now or may hereafter be conferred on not for profit corporations pursuant to Chapter 617, Florida Statutes and other applicable law.

#### ARTICLE IV

# Limitations on Activities

Section 1. No part of the net earnings of the Corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to, any member, director or officer of the Corporation or any other private individual (except that reasonable compensation may be paid for services rendered to or for the Corporation effecting one or more of its purposes as set forth in Article II hereof), and no member, director or officer of the Corporation, or any other private individual, shall be entitled to share in the distribution of any of the corporate assets upon dissolution of the Corporation; provided, however, that the Corporation may confer benefits in the form of distributions, in dissolution or otherwise in the manner set forth in Article V hereof.

Section 2. The Corporation shall not, as a substantial part of its activities, carry on propaganda, lobby, or otherwise attempt to influence legislation. The Corporation shall not participate in any political campaign on behalf of (or in opposition to) any candidate for public office.

Section 3. Notwithstanding any other provision of these Articles of Incorporation, the Corporation shall not conduct or carry on any activities which may not be conducted or carried on by an organization exempt from taxation under Section 501(c)(3) of the

Code or by an organization contributions to which are deductible by the donor under Section 170(c)(2) of the Code.

# ARTICLE V

# Dissolution

Upon the dissolution of the Corporation, the Directors of the Corporation shall, after paying or making provisions for the payment of all of the liabilities of the Corporation, distribute all residual assets of the Corporation to such organization or organizations organized and operated exclusively for charitable, educational, religious or scientific purposes which, at the time of such disposition, qualify as an exempt organization or organizations under Sections 501(c)(3) and 170(c)(2) of the Code or to the government of the United States, the state of Florida or any city or county within the state of Florida exclusively for public purposes. Any assets not so distributed shall be distributed by a court of competent jurisdiction exclusively for the aforementioned purposes, or to such organization or organizations organized and operated exclusively for the aforementioned purposes.

#### ARTICLE VI

# **Incorporator**

The name and address of the incorporator of this corporation is:

Victor M. Alvarez White & Case LLP 200 S. Biscayne Boulevard Suite 4900 Miami, Florida 33131

#### ARTICLE VII

#### Term of Existence

This Corporation shall have perpetual existence.

#### ARTICLE VIII

# Nonstock Corporation

This Corporation shall not have or issue shares of stock. It may have and issue membership certificates that shall state prominently on the face of such certificate that such certificates are not transferable and that the Corporation is a not for profit corporation.

#### ARTICLE IX

#### Membership

The membership of the Corporation shall be open to all persons regardless of race, color, creed, sex or national origin and shall initially only consist of voting members, which shall include the persons constituting the Board of Directors and such additional persons as they may by majority vote from time to time elect.

The qualifications for Membership, the manner of admission to Membership shall be governed and regulated by the Bylaws of the Corporation. The Bylaws may also provide for additional classes of Members.

# ARTICLE X

# **Board of Directors**

Section 1. The business and affairs of this Corporation shall be managed by a Board of Directors, whose members are referred to herein as Directors.

Section 2. The names and addresses of the persons who are to serve as the initial Directors of the Corporation are:

Victor M. Alvarez 5941 S.W. 105th Street Miami, Florida 33156 Carol Alvarez 5941 S.W. 105th Street Miami, Florida 33156 Angel I. Alvarez 145 Solaño Prado Coral Gables, Florida 33156 Section 3. The number of Directors of the Corporation shall be not less than three. Subject to the foregoing, the number of Directors may be changed from time to time as provided in the Bylaws.

Section 4. Directors shall be elected, removed and hold office as provided in the Bylaws.

# ARTICLE XI

#### **Officers**

Section 1. The officers of the Corporation shall include a President, a Vice-President, a Secretary, a Treasurer and other officers as designated in the Bylaws.

Section 2. The officers shall have such powers and responsibilities and shall be elected, removed and hold office as provided in the Bylaws.

# ARTICLE XII

# Registered Office and Agent

Section 1. The street address of the registered office of this Corporation is 5941 S.W. 105 Street, Miami, Florida 33156.

Section 2. The name of the registered agent of this Corporation located at the address of the registered office is Victor M. Alvarez.

#### ARTICLE XIII

#### Bylaws

The power to adopt, alter, amend or repeal Bylaws for the Corporation shall be vested only in the Directors, as more specifically provided in the Bylaws.

# ARTICLE XIV

# Amendment to Articles of Incorporation

These Articles of Incorporation may be amended by the Directors in accordance with the procedure set forth in Chapter 617 of the Florida Statutes, as amended. Those Articles, however, pertaining to dissolution of the Corporation shall not be amended in such a way as to allow or cause any member (unless such member is exempt from taxation under Section 501(c)(3) of the Code), director, or officer of the Corporation or any other person to share in any of the Corporation's assets.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has hereunto set his hand and seal this 31st day of May, 2011.

Incorporator

# CERTIFICATE DESIGNATING REGISTERED AGENT AND REGISTERED OFFICE

In compliance with Florida Statutes Section 48.091 and 617.0501, the following is submitted:

The Empty Attic Project, Inc., desiring to organize as a corporation not for profit under the laws of the State of Florida, has designated 5941 S.W. 105 Street, Miami, Florida 33156, as its initial Registered Office and has named Victor M. Alvarez, located at said address as its initial Registered Agent.

Victor M. Alvarez Incorporator

Having been named Registered Agent for the above stated corporation, at the designated Registered Office, the undersigned hereby accepts said appointment, and agrees to comply with the provisions of Florida Statutes Section 48.091 relative to keeping open said office. Furthermore, the undersigned understands the requirements of Section 48.091 and recognizes his duty to comply with such provision.

Victor M. Alvarez Registered Agent

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