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Department of State
Division of Corporations
P. O. Box 6327
Tallahassee, FL 32314

SUBJECT: Virgil Hawkins Historical Society, Inc.

(PROPOSED CORPORATE NAME - MUST INCLUDE SUFFIX)

Enclosed is an original and one (1) copy of the Articles of Incorporation and a check for :

☒ \$70.00
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☐ \$78.75
Filing Fee
& Certified Copy

☐ \$87.50
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ADDITIONAL COPY REQUIRED

FROM: Harley Herman
Name (Printed or typed)

P O Box 3455
Address

Plant City, FL 33563
City, State & Zip

(813) 704-6892
Daytime Telephone number

hh@hermanandhermanesq.com

E-mail address: (to be used for future annual report notification)

NOTE: Please provide the original and one copy of the articles.

ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION
Of
VIRGIL HAWKINS HISTORICAL SOCIETY, INC.

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

ARTICLE I NAME

The name of the corporation shall be: VIRGIL HAWKINS HISTORICAL SOCIETY, INC.

ARTICLE II PRINCIPAL OFFICE

Principal street address: (Mailing address, if different) is:

Street Address:

c/o Harley Herman
1701 S. Alexander Street
Suite 112-2
Plant City, FL 33566

c/o Harley Herman
P O Box 3455
Plant City, FL 33563

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ARTICLE III PURPOSE

The purpose for which the corporation is organized is: to continue the compilation, presentation, dissemination, publication, promotion and preservation work of the history and ideals of Florida civil rights pioneer and legend: Virgil Darnell Hawkins, which was begun by Harley Herman in 1988 and for which there is a continuing need due to the general lack of public knowledge of this great American, whose personal sacrifice of his right to an education and professional career opened the doors to such opportunities for future generations. The purposes of this Corporation shall include activities that qualify under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

ARTICLE IV MANNER OF ELECTION

The manner in which the directors are elected and appointed shall be: The initial members of the Board shall have staggering two (2) year terms as set forth in the bylaws, with the exception of founder Harley Herman, who shall have a lifetime term as a Director and Society President, in recognition of his research and efforts for over a quarter of a century, after Mr. Hawkins death, has compiled portions of Mr. Hawkins' life history that would have been otherwise lost and forgotten, and whose efforts to secure Mr. Hawkins rightful place in Florida and American history has served as the catalyst for the honors and posthumous recognition of Mr. Hawkins accorded since his death. As

more fully described in the bylaws, as each of these Board member's term expires, Board members will either be reelected or replacement Directors will be elected by majority vote of the Directors on the Board at the time of each election.

ARTICLE V INITIAL OFFICERS AND/OR DIRECTORS

Name and Title:

Harley Herman (Director/President)
1701 S. Alexander Street, Suite 112-2
Plant City, FL 33566

Rev. David L. Connelly (Director/Vice President/Treasurer)
2108 Woodland Blvd
Leesburg, Florida 34748

Harriet Livingston (Director)
P O Box 262
Okahumpka, Florida 34762

Beverly Robinson (Director/Secretary)
5523 Hwy 46,
Soperton, Ga. 30457

Bettye Coney (Director)
P O Box 491058
Leesburg Florida 34749

ARTICLE VI: EARNING RESTRICTIONS TO QUALIFY FOR 501(C)(3) STATUS

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 Three 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 (a) by a corporation exempt from federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or (b) by a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

ARTICLE VII DISTRIBUTION OF ASSETS UPON DISSOLUTION OF CORPORATION

In the event of the dissolution of the corporation, assets 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 to one or more qualifying 501(c)(3) non-profit corporations whose primary function is to preserve African-American history, or promote diversity in Florida's legal profession, as was the goal and intent of Virgil Hawkins' effort to desegregate the University of Florida College of Law and then encourage the entry and retention of African-American lawyers in the legal profession. or it 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 VIII REGISTERED AGENT

The name and Florida street address of the registered agent is:

Name: Harley Herman, Attorney at Law

Address: 1701 S. Alexander Street, Suite 112-2 Plant City, Florida 33566

ARTICLE IX INCORPORATOR

The name and address of the Incorporator is:

Name: Harley Herman

Address: P O Box 3455
Plant City, FL 33563

ARTICLE X: EFFECTIVE DATE OF INCORPORATION

The effective date of incorporation shall be January 1, 2015.

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


Signature of Registered Agent

Date: December 31, 2014

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 for in s.817.155, F.S.


Signature of Incorporator

Date: December 31, 2014

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