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

SUBJECT: Black Belt Action Network, Inc.

(PROPOSED CORPORATE NAME - MUST INCLUDE SUFFIX)

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

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Filing Fee, Certified Copy & Certificate

ADDITIONAL COPY REQUIRED

PROM: Dreamal Ingram Worthen
Name (Printed or typed)

2091 Little River Lane
Address

Tallahassee, FL 32311
City, State & Zip

850-321-7344

Daytime Telephone number

diw116@hotmail.com

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

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



# FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE Division of Corporations

October 16, 2014

HELEN DREAMAL WORTHEN 2091 LITTLE RIVER LANE TALLAHASSEE, FL 32311

SUBJECT: BLACK BELT ACTION NETWORK, INC. (BBAN, INC.)

Ref. Number: W14000063182

We have received your document for BLACK BELT ACTION NETWORK, INC. (BBAN, INC.) and your check(s) totaling \$87.50. However, the enclosed document has not been filed and is being returned for the following correction(s):

Corporations may file using one corporate name. Please remove the acronym in parentheses (BBAN, INC.) wherever it appears in your document.

Section 617.0202(d), Florida Statutes, requires the manner in which directors are elected or appointed be contained in the articles of incorporation or a statement that the method of election of directors is as stated in the bylaws.

If your business entity does not intend to transact business until January 1st of the upcoming calendar year, you may wish to revise your document to include an effective date of January 1st. If you do not list an effective date of January 1st, your business entity will become effective this calendar year and it will be required to file an annual report and pay the required annual report fee for the upcoming calendar year this coming January, which is merely weeks away. By listing an effective date of January 1st, the entity's existence will not begin until January 1st of the upcoming year and will, therefore, postpone the entity's requirement to file an annual report and pay the required annual report filing fee until the following calendar year.

Please return the corrected original and one copy of your document, along with a copy of this letter, within 60 days or your filing will be considered abandoned.

If you have any questions concerning the filing of your document, please call (850) 245-6052.

Maryanne Dickey Regulatory Specialist II New Filing Section

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#### Black Belt Action Network, Inc.

#### ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

In Compliance with (State) Florida Chapter 617, F.S., (Not for Profit)

# **ARTICLE I NAME**

The name of the corporation shall be:

Black Belt Action Network, Inc.

#### **ARTICLE II PRINCIPAL OFFICE**

The principal place of business and mailing address of this corporation shall be:

2091 Little River Lane, Tallahassee, FL 32311

#### ARTICLE III PURPOSE

The purpose for which the corporation is organized is:

Black Belt Action Network, Inc. is organized exclusively for charitable and educational purposes [within the meaning of 501(c)(3)]. Black Belt Action Network, Inc.'s charitable and educational purposes is to promote transformation of communities located in the southern United States' Black Belt region burdened by centuries-old patterns of intersecting class, race, gender and other oppressions. The broad objective is engage the indigenous people of the region as partners in enhancing the capacity of the region's higher learning institutions, working in partnership with community and land-based organizations, to create viable mechanisms for developing and institutionalizing culturally-based curricula and training modalities to facilitate sustainable social, cultural and economic well-being and wealth generation activities within communities.

#### ARTICLE IV MANNER OF ELECTION

The manner in which the directors are elected or appointed:

The Board of Directors is comprised of seven (7) individuals. The board of directors may at any time elect to decrease or increase the board's composition, maintaining an odd number of Directors. The officers of the Board of Directors are elected every three (3) years. Any Officer may be reelected. As stated in the by-laws.



# ARTICLE V INITIAL DIRECTORS AND/OR OFFICERS

List name(s):

Address (es) and

Specific title(s):

Rosalind Harris	1140 Providence Lane Lexington, KY 40502	Board of Director, President
Helen Worthen	2091 Little River Lane, Tallahassee, FL 32311	Board Director, Secretary
Gena Gunn	7373 Trenton Avenue, University City, MO 63130	Board Director, Treasurer
Sokoya Finch	400 Gaither Dr. Tallahassee, FL 32305	Board of Director
Veronica Womack	196 highway 49 west D3 Milledgeville, GA 31061	Board of Director
Marcus Bernard	408 Windfield Place, Lexington, KY 40517	Board of Director
Sandra Thompson	8974 Nazareth Alice Dr. Tallahassee, FL 32309	Board of Director

#### ARTICLE VI SUPPLEMENTAL ARTICLES

Said corporation the (Black Belt Action Network, Inc.) is organized exclusively for charitable and educational 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.

No substantial part of the activities of the corporation shall be for 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

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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. "Notwithstanding

any other provision of these articles, this corporation shall not, except to an insubstantial degree,

engage in any activities or exercise any powers that are not in furtherance of the purposes of this

corporation."

This corporation is a nonprofit public benefit corporation and is not organized for the private

gain of any person. It is organized and operated exclusively for charitable purposes within the

meaning of Section 501(c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code. The property of this corporation is

irrevocably dedicated to charitable purposes and no part of the net income or assets of this

corporation shall ever inure to the benefit of any director, officer, or member thereof or to the

benefit of any private person.

Upon the dissolution of the corporation, its assets remaining after payment or provision for

payment, of all debts and liabilities of this corporation shall be distributed to the following non-

profit organization: Black Belt Justice Center - P.O. Box 2521, Washington, DC 20013; 202-

486-9857 - www.blackbelt justice.org.

ARTICLE VII DURATION

Period of duration for this organization is perpetual.

ARTICLE VIII INITIAL REGISTERED AGENT AND STREET ADDRESS

The name street address of the registered agent is:

Name: Helen Worthen

Address: 2091 Little River Lane

City: Tallahassee FL 32311

ARTICLE IX INCORPORATOR

The name and address of the Incorporator is:

Name: Helen Worthen

Address: 2091 Little River Lane

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City: Tallahassee FL 32311

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.

Required Signature of Registered Agent

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.

Required Signature of Incorporator

ARTICLE X EFFECTIVE DATE

The effective time of the Articles of Incorporation of the Corporation, and the time when the existence of the Corporation shall commence, shall be when the Articles of Incorporation are filed with the Secretary of State.