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The Kitchen Table Literary Arts Center, Inc.

A Florida Non-profit Public Benefit Corporation

ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION ARTICLE I

NAME

1.01 Name

The name of this corporation shall be The Kitchen Table Literary Arts Center, Inc.. The business of the corporation may be conducted as Kitchen Table Literary Arts Center or Kitchen Table Literary Arts.

ARTICLE II

DURATION

2.01 Duration

The period of duration of the corporation is perpetual.

ARTICLE III

PURPOSE

3.01 Purpose

Kitchen Table Literary Arts Center, Inc. is a community-based creative writing center dedicated to inspiring and cultivating the unique and powerful voices of girls and women of color. Kitchen Table Literary Arts Center, Inc. specializes in building appreciation and sustained support for women of color literary artists and their work by creating opportunities to re-discover

the work of our ground-breaking, visionary ancestors and elders. We work to discover and develop new poets, writers, and readers through workshops, seminars, and showcases that investigate the intersections of our past and present voices by presenting and featuring the work and experiences of contemporary women of color writers and poets.

We provide workshops, lectures, and seminars in schools, libraries, and other public venues to provide literature, information, and facts concerning women writers of color, in addition to providing creative writing-based education, self-improvement models, and community-building initiatives. Kitchen Table Literary Arts also works to contribute to the development and promotion of new and contemporary women of color writers and poets through fellowships, artist-in-residence programming, and special events. Initial and future programming will offer adult enrichment classes, youth programming, and special engagements with the community to promote literary arts, specifically by women and girls of color.

In efforts to develop as an organization and contribute to the growing arts and socially-responsive movements currently engaging the community, we will seek to collaborate with other non-profit organizations who operate for educational and charitable purposes. We will also, with the support of our board member association, provide opportunities for internships, scholarships, and volunteering.

3.02 Public Benefit

The Kitchen Table Literary Arts Center, Inc. is designated as a public benefit corporation.

ARTICLE IV

NON-PROFIT NATURE

4.01 Non-profit Nature

The Kitchen Table Literary Arts Center, 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 corresponding section of any future federal tax code. No part of the net earnings of The Kitchen Table Literary Arts Center, Inc. shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its members, directors, 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 the purpose clause hereof.

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

The Kitchen Table Literary Arts Center, Inc. is not organized and shall not be operated for the private gain of any person. The property of the corporation is irrevocably dedicated to its educational and

charitable purposes. No part of the assets, receipts, or net earnings of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributed to any individual. The corporation may, however, pay reasonable compensation for services rendered, and make other payments and distributions consistent with these Articles.

4.02 Personal Liability

No board member or director of this corporation shall be personally liable for the debts or obligations of The Kitchen Table Literary Arts Center, Inc. of any nature whatsoever, nor shall any of the property or assets of the officers or directors be subject to the payment of the debts or obligations of this corporation.

4.03 Dissolution

Upon termination or dissolution of The Kitchen Table Literary Arts Center, Inc., any assets lawfully available for distribution shall be distributed to one (1) or more qualifying organizations described in Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (or described in any corresponding provision of any successor statute) which organization or organizations have a charitable purpose which, at least generally, includes a purpose similar to the terminating or dissolving corporation.

The organization to receive the assets of The Kitchen Table Literary Arts Center, Inc. shall be selected by the discretion of a majority vote by the board association.

4.03 Prohibited Distributions

No part of the net earnings, or properties of this corporation, on dissolution or otherwise, shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to, its members, directors, staff, or other private person or individual, except that the corporation shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in service to The Kitchen Literary Arts Center, Inc.'s mission and purpose.

4.04 Restricted Activities

No substantial part of the corporation's activities shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the corporation shall not participate in, or intervene (including the publishing or distribution of statements) in any political campaign on behalf of or in opposition to any candidate for public office.

4.05 Prohibited Activities

Notwithstanding any other provision of these Articles, the corporation shall not carry on any activities not permitted to be carried on (I) by a corporation exempt from federal income tax as an organization described by Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or (II) 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 V

BOARD ASSOCIATION

5.01 Governance

The Kitchen Table Literary Arts Center, Inc. shall be governed by its organizational directors and board association.

5.02 Initial Directors and Board Association Members

The initial directors and governing board association members of the corporation shall be:

- (a) Sheree L. Greer, Executive Director: 819 W. Warren Ave, Tampa, FL 33602
- (b) Jasmine Smith, Financial Director: 4418 Atwater Drive, Tampa, FL 33610
- (c) Tiffany Wilson, Public Relations and Media Director: 1315 E. 52nd Street, Chicago, IL 60615
- (d) Tiffiany Anderson, Community Outreach Director: 15501 Bruce B. Downs Blvd., Apt. 1409, Tampa, FL 33647
- (e) Adella S. Deacon, DPT, JD, Board Association Member: 2153 N. Stave, Chicago, IL 60647
- (f) Orlando Pizana, MA, Board Association Member: 500 110th Ave. North, St. Petersburg, FL 33716
- (g) Donald Gordon, Board Association Member: 821 S. Claremont Ave, Chicago, IL 60612

ARTICLE VI

<u>MEMBERSHIP</u>

6.01 Membership

The Kitchen Table Literary Arts Center, Inc. reserves the right to establish membership classes as it relates to programming enrollment models and funding initiatives. The memberships can be established for organization management of participants in educational or mentorship programs, in addition to annual giving and sustained funding acknowledgments. These potential membership classes shall have no members who have any right to vote or receive any financial interest in or to the corporation, its properties, and franchises.

ARTICLE VII

AMENDMENTS

7.01 Amendments

Any amendment to the Articles of Incorporation may be adopted by approval of a quorum majority vote of the board association.

ARTICLE VIII

ADDRESSES OF THE CORPORATION

8.01 Corporate Address

- (a) The physical address of the corporation is: 819 W. Warren Ave., Tampa, FL 33602
- (b) The mailing address of the corporation is: P.O. Box 5464, Tampa, FL 33675

ARTICLE IX

Appointment of registered agent

9.01 Registered Agent

The registered agent of the corporation shall be: Sheree L. Greer, executive director

ARTICLE X

INCORPORATOR

The incorporators of the corporation are as follows:

Sheree L. Greer 819 W. Warren Ave Tampa, FL 33602

Certificate of Adoption of Articles of Incorporation

I, the undersigned, do hereby certify that the above stated Articles of Incorporation of The Kitchen Table
Literary Arts Center, Inc. were approved by the initial directors and board association on
(Ctuber 1, 3014) and constitute a complete copy of Articles of Incorporation of The Kitchen Table
Literary Arts Center Anc.

Sheree L. Greer, 819 W. Warren Ave., Tampa, FL 33602

Acknowledgment of consent to appointment as registered agent

I, Sheree L. Greer, agree to be the registered agent for The Kitchen Table Literary Arts Center, Inc. as appointed herein.

Registered Agent

hereofices Date: 2/24/2015