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# **ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION**

In Compliance with Chapter 617.0202, F.S., (Not for Profit)

#### For

### **Global Community Advancement Services, Inc.**

A Florida Non-Profit Corporation

Pursuant to the provision of Chapter 617.0202, F.S., (Not for Profit) the undersigned incorporators hereby adopt the following Articles of Incorporation:

#### Article I

#### Name

The name of this corporation is **Global Community Advancement Services, Inc.** (the Corporation).

#### Article II

#### **Principal Office**

The principal street address and mailing address is: 2201 NW 188 Terrace
Miami Gardens, FL 33056

#### Article III

#### **Purpose**

The corporation is organized exclusively for charitable, religious, educational, and scientific 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. The organization is also established as a non-profit corporation under the laws of the State of Florida in compliance with Chapter 617.0202, F.S., (Not for Profit), to provide any and all legal acts to provide assistance in education, social, spiritual, personal, community health and safety and neighborhood development and revitalization efforts throughout the state of Florida. The Corporation provides education, character building programs, leadership programs, mentorship, reinforcement incentives, job development, employment skills and community and economic development initiatives to distressed communities in the state of Florida. The Corporation also provides charitable support to community based organizations which the board of directors deem to be in the best interest of the organization, including but not limited to the following: (i) create endowments to supplement salaries of duly appointed members of Corporation staff and general operational expenses of the organization; (ii) accept gifts and contributions of any kind and nature from individuals, corporations or other organizations or associations, whether made by will or otherwise, and in any form of property, all such contributions to be received and accepted under the guidelines and for the purposes set forth in this section; (ii i) buy, sell, exchange and otherwise deal in stocks, bonds, real estate and any other form of property at either public or private sale, without order of any court or of other authority; (iv) invest and reinvest any funds belonging to the Corporation at any time in such securities and properties, real and personal, as the board of directors of this Corporation in their sole discretion see fit; (v) employ or retain any bank, trust company, financial institution, accounting firm to guide the Corporation in the investment and management of its real and personal property and to compensate such employees or agents for their services. The Corporation focuses its efforts in disadvantaged and distressed neighborhoods and inner and rural cities throughout the state of Florida.

#### **Article IV**

#### Manner of Election

The manner in which the directors are elected or appointed is provided in the bylaws of the corporation.

#### Article V

#### **Initial Directors and/or Officers**

Board Chair Ethel Dickens 2201 NW 188 Terrace Miami Gardens, FL 33056

Board Vice-Chair Dr. Gwendolyn S. Coverson 19320 N.W. 8th Street Pembroke Pines, FL 33029

Board Treasurer Tracy Robinson 5812 Mt. Tabor Road Greenwood, FL 32443

Board Secretary Tashara S. Daniel 1242 Athens Court Tallahassee, FL 32305

#### **Article VI**

#### Limitations

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 III 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, this 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**

#### **Dedication of Assets**

Upon the dissolution, termination, or winding up 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, or 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**

**Initial Registered Agent and Street Address** 

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

Ethel Dickens 2201 NW 188 Terrace Miami Gardens, FL 33056

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

#### Article IX

## incorpor<u>a</u>tor

The name and address of the Incorporator is:

Ethel Dickens 2201 NW 188 Terrace Miami Gardens, FL 33056

Signature of Incorporator Childichen Date June 2, 2016