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# **COVER LETTER**

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

SUBJECT: Entrepreneurial Leadership Academy. (PROPOSED CORPORATE NAME – MUST INCLUDE SUFFIX)

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

■ \$87.50 Filing Fee, Certified Copy & Certificate ADDITIONAL COPY REQUIRED

FROM:

Lena Graham

Name (Printed or typed)

3201 E Colonial Drive Suite A-20

Address

Orlando, FL 32803

City, State & Zip

(407) 420-4870

Daytime Telephone Number

imorris@blackcommerce.org

Email address: (to be used for future annual report notification)

NOTE:

Please provide the original and one copy of the articles.

# ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF ENTREPRENEURIAL LEADERSHIP ACADEMY, INC.

# ARTICLE I. NAME OF CORPORATION

The name of the corporation is Entrepreneurial Leadership Academy, ZNC.

### ARTICLE II. PRINCIPAL OFFICE

The principal office of the organization is located at 3201 E Colonial Drive Suite A-20, Orlando, FL 32803.

#### ARTICLE III. PURPOSE

The purpose for which the corporation is organized is: To encourage entrepreneurial awareness of minorities and youth through Assessment, Coaching, and Training and Development. These initiatives we will build and connect an understanding, appreciation and inclusion of entrepreneurship. This corporation does contemplate pecuniary gain or profit to its' members, and is organized exclusively for charitable and education purposes within the meaning of the Internal Revenue Code.

It shall have the power to do all lawful acts which are, in the opinion of the Board of Directors of the corporation, necessary or desirable to carry out the purposes and accomplish the objectives of the corporation, and which are consistent with Florida law. The corporation shall have all powers granted to the nonprofit corporations under Chapter 617 of the Florida Statutes, whether or not specifically enumerated in these Articles of Incorporation or the bylaws; provided, however that it shall not have any power that would disqualify it as a nonprofit corporation under state and federal law.

No part of the net earnings of this corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to, its members, directors, officers, or other private persons, except that this 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 these Articles.

No substantial part of the activities of this corporation shall consist of carrying on propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation (except as otherwise provided by Section 501(h) of the Internal Revenue Code), and this 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.

DIVISION OF CORPORATIONS

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.

#### ARTICLE IV. MANNER OF ELECTIONS

The Directors shall be elected by the method stated in the bylaws of this corporation.

# ARTICLE V. INITIAL OFFICERS AND/OR DIRECTORS

The name of the persons who are to serve as directors and officers of this corporation, until their successors in office are duly elected and qualified are as follows:

Name and Title: Latria Leak, Director 3201 E Colonial Drive Suite A-20 Orlando, FL 32803

Name and Title: Mark Hyzens, Director 3201 E Colonial Drive Suite A-20 Orlando, FL 32803

Name and Title: Ken Bradshaw, Director 3201 E Colonial Drive Suite A-20 Orlando, FL 32803

Name and Title: Roniece Weaver, Director 3201 E Colonial Drive Suite A-20 Orlando, FL 32803

Name and Title: Reginald B. Riley, Ph.D., Director 3201 E Colonial Drive Suite A-20 Orlando, FL 32803

#### ARTICLE VI. REGISTERED AGENT AND REGISTERED OFFICE

The initial registered agent of this corporation is <u>John F. Davis</u> whose address is <u>3201 E Colonial Drive Suite A-20</u>, <u>Orlando</u>, <u>FL 32803</u>. The street address of this corporation in the State of Florida is <u>3201 E Colonial Drive Suite A-20</u>, <u>Orlando</u>, <u>FL 32803</u>. The Board of Directors may from time to time move the registered office to any other address in Florida.

#### ARTICLE VII. INCORPORATOR

The name and address of the Incorporator is:

Name

Address

John F. Davis

3201 E Colonial Drive Suite A-20, Orlando, FL 32803

#### ARTICLE VIII. DURATION

The corporation shall exist perpetual, unless dissolving according to law.

## ARTICLES IX. POWERS

This corporation shall have the power to acquire and hold title in fee simple in trust, or otherwise, to both real and personal property, and to improve, emcumber, sell, convey, and dispose of all such property; to borrow money, execute notes, bonds, and other evidences of indebtedness and secure the same by mortgage and deeds of trust, annuity bond, and other instruments of indebtedness and pay interest thereon; to improve, adapt, and use it's property or the income thereof in its' educational or charitable activities. This corporation shall not have or issue any shares of stock, no dividends shall be paid, and no part of the income of the corporation shall be distributed to its' members, officers, or directors, except that the corporation may pay reasonable compensation to its' member officers, or directors for services rendered, may confer benefits upon its' members in fulfillment of its' purpose.

#### ARTICLE X. DISSOLUTION

Upon the dissolution of this corporation, its assets remaining after payment, or provision for payment, of all debts and liabilities of this corporation shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code or shall be distributed to the federal government, or to a state or local government, for a public purpose.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, 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

Date

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 \$17.155, F.S.

Required Signature of Incorporator

Date