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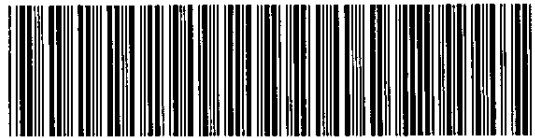
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September 13, 2016

IVAN RODRIGUEZ
1935 CHICKADEE ST.
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SUBJECT: ASOCIACION DE VENEZOLANOS EN LAKELAND (AVEL), INC.
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We have received your document for ASOCIACION DE VENEZOLANOS EN LAKELAND (AVEL), 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):

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SUBJECT: ASOCIACION DE VENEZOLANOS EN LAKELAND (AVEL), Inc.

Enclosed are an original and one (1) copy of the Articles of Incorporation and a check for amount of \$87.50 for Filing Fee, Certificate of Status and Certified Copy.

From:

Ivan A. Rodriguez

Address:

1935 Chickadee Street, Bartow, Florida 33830.

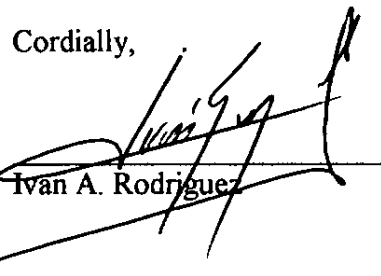
Daytime Telephone number;

(863)934-9398

E-mail address:

venezolanosenlakeland@gmail.com

Cordially,



Ivan A. Rodriguez

ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

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

ARTICLE I

NAME

The name of the corporation shall be **ASOCIACION DE VENEZOLANOS EN LAKELAND, Inc.**

ARTICLE II

PRINCIPAL OFFICE

The principal place of business and mailing address of this Corporation shall be as the follows:

1935 Chickadee Street, Bartow, Florida 33830

ARTICLE III

PURPOSES

The general purpose of this Corporation shall be to operate exclusively for charitable, religious, educational, scientific, or literary purposes, and in furtherance of such goals is authorized to do any and all activities which it is empowered to do under these Articles provider, however, that nothing herein shall be construed as allowing any activities which would jeopardize the Corporation's tax-exempt status or otherwise be inconsistent with its classification as an organization described in Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended or replaced from time to time (the "Code") and its regulations as they now exist or may hereafter be amended, or as a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under Section 170 (c) (2) of the Code.

The specific purpose for which the Corporation is formed is: a) to provide assistance to Venezuelan families, children, elderly and students to combat the country's current economic crisis resulting in shortage of foods, medical supplies and basic necessities of life. b) Support and encourage the social assistance educational, cultural and recreational activities of its members who in turn are engaged in promoting and nurturing the values, traditions and culture of Venezuela within the community. c) To identify immigration and human rights issues affecting immigrants and serves as a liaison between them and law enforcement agencies, government agencies, community base organizations, education organization, immigrants groups, organized minority groups and public and private entities. c) To provide referral, information of resources available in the community and other necessary services to the immigrants.

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ARTICLE IV **GENERAL POWERS**

This Corporation shall have all of the powers enumerated for corporations in the Florida Not-For-Profit Corporation Act, as it now exists and as hereafter amended, and all such other powers as are permitted by applicable law, including, without limitation and only by illustration, the following powers unless later restricted by applicable law:

- a) To have succession by its corporate name for the duration of its existence.
- b) To sue and be sued and appear and defend in all actions and proceedings in its corporate name to the same extent as a natural person.
- c) To have a corporate seal, which may be altered at pleasure, and to use the same by causing it, or a facsimile thereof, to be impressed, affixed, or in any other manner reproduced provided; however, such seal shall always contain the words "corporation not for profit."
- d) To purchase, take, receive, lease, take by gift, devise or bequest or otherwise acquire, own, hold, improve, use, and otherwise deal in and with real or personal property or any interest therein, wherever situated.
- e) To sell, convey, mortgage, pledge, create security interests in, lease, exchange, transfer, and otherwise dispose of all or any part of its property and assets.
- f) To lend money for its corporate purposes, invest and reinvest its funds, and take and hold real and personal property as security for the payment of funds so loaned or invested.
- g) To make donations for the public welfare or for religious, charitable, scientific, educational, or other similar purposes.
- h) To increase, by a vote of its members cast as the bylaws may direct, the number of its directors, so that the number shall not be less than three but may be any number in excess thereof.
- i) To purchase, take, receive, subscribe for, or otherwise acquire, own, hold, vote, use, employ, sell, mortgage, lend, pledge, or otherwise dispose of, and otherwise sell and deal in and with, shares or other interests in, or obligations of, other domestic or foreign corporations, whether for profit or not for profit associations, partnerships or individuals, or direct or indirect obligations of the United States or of any other government, state, territory, governmental district, or municipality or of any instrumentality thereof.

j) To make contracts and guarantees and incur liabilities, borrow money at such rates of interest as it may determine, issue its notes, bonds, and other obligations, and secure any of its obligations by mortgage or pledge of all or any of its property, franchises, and income.

k) To conduct its affairs, carry on its operations, and have offices and exercise the powers granted by the Florida Not-For-Profit Corporation Act in any state, territory, district, or possession of the United States or any foreign country.

l) To elect or appoint officers and agents and define their duties and allow them reasonable compensation.

m) To adopt, change, amend and repeal bylaws, not inconsistent with these Articles of Incorporation or with the laws of the State of Florida, for the administration and regulation of its affairs and the exercise of its powers.

n) To have and exercise all powers necessary or convenient to effect its purpose.

o) To merge and consolidate with other corporations both for profit and not for profit, domestic and foreign, provided that the surviving corporation is a corporation not for profit.

ARTICLE V

PROHIBITED ACTIVITIES

The Corporation shall not allow any part of the net earnings of the corporation to inure to the benefit of or be distributable to any private person, member, director or officer of the Corporation (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 hereinabove), nor shall any member, director or officer of the Corporation, or any private individual, be entitled to share in the distribution of any of the Corporation's assets on dissolution of the Corporation, nor shall a substantial part of the activities of the Corporation be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the Corporation shall not participate or intervene (including the publication and distribution of statements) in the political campaign on behalf of or in opposition to any candidate for public office. Provided, further, that if at any time the Corporation is deemed to be a Private Foundation as defined by Section 509 of the Code, then for so long as the Corporation is deemed a Private Foundation, the following provisions shall also be applicable:

1. The Corporation shall not engage in any act of 'self-dealing' as defined in section 4941(d) of the Code.

2. The Corporation shall not retain any excess business holdings" as defined in Section 4943 (c) of the Code, which would give rise to any liability for the tax imposed by Section 4943 (a) of the Code.

3. The Corporation shall not make any investments which would jeopardize the carrying out of any of its exempt purposes or in such manner as to subject in to tax under Section 4944 of the Code.

4. The Corporation shall not make any "taxable expenditures" as defined in Section 4945 (d) of the Code, which would give rise to any liability for the tax imposed by Section 4945 (a) of the Code.

5. The Corporation shall distribute its income for each taxable year at such time and in such manner as not to become subject to the tax on undistributed income imposed by Section 4942 (a) of the Code.

ARTICLE VI

TERM OF EXISTENCE

This corporation shall have perpetual existence until it shall be dissolved in accordance with the laws of the State of Florida.

ARTICLE VII

DISTRIBUTION UPON DISSOLUTION

Upon the dissolution, the winding up of the affairs of the Corporation and the liquidation, the assets of the Corporation shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of section 501 (c) (3) of the Code. 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, as said court shall determine, for such purpose or to organization or organizations which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.

ARTICLE VIII

MEMBERSHIP

The qualifications for members and manner of the admission of the members will be as regulated by the Bylaws.

ARTICLE IX
MANNER OF ELECTION

The directors shall be elected by voting process and the number of directors may be either increased or diminished from time to time as provided in the Bylaws, provided however, the number of directors shall not be less than three (3).

ARTICLE X
BYLAWS

Except as otherwise provided by law, the power to adopt, alter, amend or repeal the Bylaws shall be vested in the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE XI
INDEMNIFICATION

The Corporation shall indemnify and hold harmless all its directors, officers, employees and agents, and former directors, officers, employees and agents from and against all liabilities and obligations, including attorneys' fee, incurred in connection with any actions taken or failed to be taken by said directors, officers, employees and agents in their capacity as such to the fullest extent permitted under applicable law.

ARTICLE XII
AMENDMENT

These Articles of Incorporation may be amended at any time by a resolution adopted by vote of a majority of the directors.

ARTICLE XIII
INITIAL DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS

NAME	TITLE	ADDRESS
IVAN A. RODRIGUEZ	Director	1935 Chickadee Street Bartow, FL 33830
LEO A. HURTADO	Director	6346 Highlands in the Woods Ave. Lakeland, FL 33813
ANGELA FRAZZETTA	Director	2920 Blackwater Oaks Drive Mulberry FL 33860
ROSELBA HURTADO	Treasurer	6346 Highlands in the Woods Ave. Lakeland, FL 33813
LIS ARISPE	Secretary	1935 Chickadee Street Bartow, FL 33830

ARTICLE XIV
REGISTERED AGENT

The name and Florida Street address of the Registered Agent is:

NAME	ADDRESS
IVAN A. RODRIGUEZ	1935 Chickadee Street, Bartow, FL, 33830

ARTICLE XV
INCORPORATOR

The name and Florida Street address of the Incorporator is:

NAME	ADDRESS
IVAN A. RODRIGUEZ	1935 Chickadee Street, Bartow, FL, 33830

ARTICLE XVI
EFFECTIVE DATE

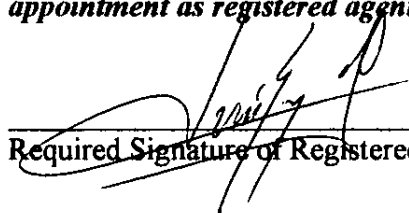
The effective date of this Corporation shall be August 30, 2016.

ARTICLE XVII
HEADINGS, CAPTIONS AND DEFINITIONS

The headings or captions of these various Articles are inserted for convenience and none of them shall have any force or effect, and the interpretation of the various Articles shall not be influenced by any of said heading or captions.

References to "the Code" herein shall mean the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended from time to time, or corresponding section of any future United States Internal Revenue Law in effect at any time.

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

08/30/2016.

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 s.817.155, F.S.



Required Signature of Incorporator

08/30/2016

Date

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