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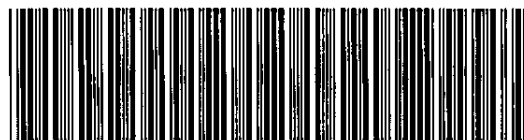
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## COVER LETTER

Department of State  
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P. O. Box 6327  
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**SUBJECT:** Cultural Heritage Center of Southwest Florida, 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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**FROM:** J.F. Cummings

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Name (Printed or typed)

406 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.

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Address

Punta Gorda, Florida 33950

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City, State & Zip

(941) 575-7518

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Daytime Telephone number

biredagrp5@yahoo.com

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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

January 19, 2017

J.F. CUMMINGS  
406 DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR BLVD.  
PUNTA GORDA, FL 33950

SUBJECT: CULTURAL HERITAGE CENTER OF SOUTHWEST FLORIDA, INC.  
Ref. Number: W16000078254

We have received your document for CULTURAL HERITAGE CENTER OF SOUTHWEST FLORIDA, 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):

The registered agents name must be listed exactly as it appears on DOS records. (see printout)

Please return 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.

Neysa Culligan  
Regulatory Specialist II

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## ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

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

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TALLAHASSEE FLORIDA

### ARTICLE I NAME

The name of the corporation shall be: Cultural Heritage Center of Southwest Florida, Inc.

### ARTICLE II PRINCIPLE OFFICE

117 Herald Ct. #211, Punta Gorda, FL 33950

### 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 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 corporation is organized to promote, inform and explore the multi-ethnic, diverse nature of Southwest Florida through educational programs, outreach efforts and celebrations of culture.

### ARTICLE IV MANNER OF ELECTION

The manner in which the directors are elected or appointed is provided in the bylaws of the corporation. In no event, shall the number of directors be fewer than three.

### ARTICLE V INITIAL OFFICERS AND/OR DIRECTORS

Jaha Cummings, President

406 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.

Punta Gorda, FL 33950

Marineda Usera, Vice President

23251 McQueeney Avenue

Port Charlotte, FL 33980

Martha Bireda Ph.D., Treasurer

406 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd.

Punta Gorda, FL 33950

Noemi Creagan, Secretary

10501 FGCU Blvd. S

Fort Myers, FL 33965

ARTICLE VI REGISTERED AGENT

The Blanchard House of African American History & Culture of Charlotte County

406 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.

Punta Gorda, FL 33950

ARTICLE VII INCORPORATOR

Martha Bireda, Ph.D.

The Blanchard House Museum

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ARTICLE VIII DISSOLUTION OF CORPORATION AND DISTRIBUTION OF ASSETS

Section 1. Dissolution. No part of the net income, revenue, and grants of the Corporation shall inure to the benefit of any member, officer, or any private individual (except that the reasonable compensation may be paid for any services rendered in connection with one or more of its purposes), and no member, officer of the Corporation, or any private individual shall be entitled to share in the distribution of any part of the assets of the Corporation. In its dissolution or liquidation, the assets and the records for the Corporation, after payments of debts and obligations, shall be transferred to an organization with federal tax exemption for charitable and educational uses and purposes similar to those of the Corporation or to a state or local government, for public purposes. The Exempt organization shall be designated by the final Board of Directors of the Corporation.

Section 2. Distribution of Assets. The affirmative vote of two-thirds of the Directors of the Corporation at any annual meeting of Directors or special meeting of Directors shall be required to adopt or approve the distribution of the Corporation. The notice of the meeting, at which any such action is to be considered, shall set forth the subject of the action or actions to be approved.

*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.*

Martha L. Bireda

Required Signature of Registered Agent

March 7, 2017

Date

Martha R. Bireda

Required Signature of Incorporator

March 7, 2017

Date