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March 15, 2017

# VIA FEDERAL EXPRESS

Department of State Division of Corporations Clifton Building 2661 Executive Center Circle Tallahassee, FL 32301

Re: The Firman Foundation, Inc.

Dear Sir or Madam:

Enclosed is an original and a copy of Articles of Incorporation for the above-referenced not-for-profit corporation. Please file these and return a certified copy to us in the enclosed stamped envelope. Also enclosed is a check in the amount of \$87.50 in payment of the filing fee.

Please call me if you have any questions or need any additional information.

Sincerely

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#### ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

**OF** 

# THE FIRMAN FOUNDATION, INC.

In compliance with the Florida Not for Profit Corporations Act, Chapter 617, F.S.

# ARTICLE I

**NAME** 

The name of the Corporation is:

THE FIRMAN FOUNDATION, INC.

# ARTICLE II

# PRINCIPAL OFFICE

The initial principal office of the Corporation is located at:

247 SW 8<sup>th</sup> Street, #301 Miami, Florida 33130

# ARTICLE III

#### **PURPOSES**

This Corporation is organized exclusively for charitable, scientific, religious and educational purposes. The terms charitable, scientific, religious and educational shall have the same meanings herein that they have in Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, or the corresponding provisions of any future federal internal revenue laws then in effect. Without limiting the general charitable purposes of the Corporation, the primary purpose of the Corporation is to promote cooperation and understanding between minorities and law enforcement, assist low income students with funds for trade school tuition and combat anti-Semitism.

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# **ARTICLE IV**

#### MANNER OF ELECTION

The Corporation shall have no members, but in lieu thereof shall have a self-perpetuating Board of Directors with the initial Board of Directors being those named in these Articles and the subsequent Directors appointed by the then serving Directors. All powers of management, direction and control of the Corporation shall be vested in the Board of Directors. The number of directors to constitute the first Board of Directors is three (3). The number of directors to constitute all subsequent Boards of Directors shall be fixed by, or in the manner provided in, the Corporation's bylaws, provided that in no event shall such number be less than three.

# ARTICLE V

# **INITIAL DIRECTORS**

The names of the persons to constitute the first Board of Directors are as follows:

Name	Address
Ronald Firman	247 SW 8 <sup>th</sup> St. # 301 Miami, Florida 33130
Sasha N. Torres	1750 N. Bayshore Dr. # 2510 Miami, Florida 33132
Norma D. Bonilla	3621 NW 18th Terr. Miami, Florida 33125

#### ARTICLE VI

#### REGISTERED AGENT

The name and Florida street address of the registered agent is Ronald Firman, 247 SW 8<sup>th</sup> Street, #301, Miami, Florida, 33130.

# ARTICLE VII

# INCORPORATOR

The name and address of the incorporator is Ronald Firman, 247 SW 8th Street, #301, Miami, Florida, 33130.

#### ARTICLE VIII

#### NOT FOR PROFIT

The Corporation is not organized for pecuniary profit, and it shall not have any power to issue certificates of stock or to declare dividends. No part of the net earnings of the Corporation shall inure to the benefit of or be distributable to Directors or Officers of the Corporation, or other private persons, except that the Corporation shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered.

#### ARTICLE IX

# LEGISLATIVE OR POLITICAL ACTIVITIES

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 (including the publishing or distribution of statements) in any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office.

# ARTICLE X

#### **OPERATIONAL LIMITATIONS**

Notwithstanding any other provisions of these Articles, the 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 of 1986, as amended, or
- (b) by a corporation contributions to which are deductible under Section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended,

or corresponding sections of any future federal tax code.

# ARTICLE XI

# DISSOLUTION

Upon the dissolution of the Corporation, the Directors shall, after paying or making provision for the payment of all the liabilities of the Corporation, dispose of all of the assets of the Corporation exclusively for the purposes of the Corporation in such manner or to such organization or organizations organized and operated exclusively for charitable, scientific, religious or educational purposes as shall at the time qualify as an exempt organization or organizations under

Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, or corresponding sections of any future federal tax code, as the Directors shall determine.

Any such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by the district court 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 XII

#### **IMMUNITY**

The Officers and Directors of this Corporation shall not be individually liable for the debts or other liabilities of the Corporation. Any Officer or Director who is not compensated for his or her services on a salary or pro-rated equivalent basis shall be immune from personal liability for any civil damages arising from acts performed in his or her official capacity. The immunity shall extend only to such sanctions for which the person would not otherwise be liable but for his or her affiliation with the Corporation. This immunity shall not apply to intentional conduct, wanton or willful conduct or gross negligence. Nothing herein shall be construed to create or abolish an immunity in favor of the Corporation itself.

#### ARTICLE XIII

#### INDEMNIFICATION

All Officers and Directors of the Corporation shall receive the benefit of indemnification to the full extent allowed under Florida law. Such indemnification shall not be deemed exclusive of any other rights to which those seeking indemnification may be entitled under the Articles of Incorporation or Bylaws or any agreement, vote of disinterested Directors, or otherwise.

With respect to an employee or agent, other than a Director or Officer of the Corporation, except as to such indemnification as is required under this ARTICLE, the Corporation may, as determined by the Directors of the Corporation, indemnify and advance expenses to such employee or agent in connection with the proceeding, to the extent permitted by and in accordance with Florida law, as amended from time to time.

#### ARTICLE XIV

# PRIVATE FOUNDATION

Any powers granted by the provisions of this ARTICLE to the contrary notwithstanding, this Corporation:

- (a) Shall distribute its income for each tax year at such time and in such manner so that it will not become subject to the tax on undistributed income imposed by Section 4942 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended;
- (b) Shall not engage in any act of self-dealing as defined in Section 4941(d) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended;
- (c) Shall not retain any excess business holdings as defined in Section 4943(c) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended;
- (d) Shall not make any investments in a manner that would subject it to tax under Section 4944 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended;
- (e) Shall not make any taxable expenditures as defined in Section 4945(d) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended.

# **ARTICLE XV**

#### TAX CLOSING DATE

The Corporation shall have a December 31 closing date for its tax year.

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.

Ronald Firman, as Registered Agent

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.

Ronald Figman, as Incorporator