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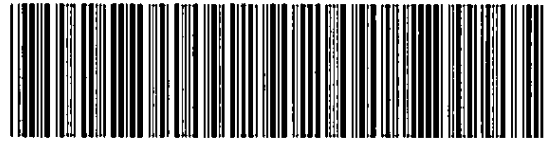
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Department of State  
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P. O. Box 6327  
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SUBJECT: HISPANIC Council of the Blind, Inc.  
(PROPOSED CORPORATE NAME - MUST INCLUDE SUFFIX)

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

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FROM: Diego A. RAMOS, Secretary.  
Name (Printed or typed)

2450 Yellow Brick Road.  
Address

St. Cloud, FL. 34772  
City, State & Zip

787-505-2723  
Daytime Telephone number

dramos@amrclaw.com

E-mail address: (to be used for future annual report notification)

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**ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION**  
**for**  
**HISPANIC COUNCIL OF THE BLIND, INC.**

**Article I.**  
**(Name)**

The name of this not for profit corporation, organized under Chapter 617 of the Florida Statutes, shall be:

**HISPANIC COUNCIL OF THE BLIND, INC. ("HCB")**

**Article II.**  
**(Principal Office)**

The principal physical address of HCB shall be at 2450 Yellow Brick Road, City of Saint Cloud, Osceola County, FL, 34772.

**Article III.**  
**(Purpose)**

The purpose for which HCB is organized as a not for profit corporation in the State of Florida is exclusively for charitable, educational and including 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, all for the advancement and betterment of visually impaired Hispanics as follows:

1. Conducting programs of public education raising understanding among visually impaired Hispanics, employers, state and local officials and the community at large;

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- 2. Providing a forum in Spanish for the views of all visually impaired Hispanics, their families and communities facing language barriers or choosing to communicate In Spanish;**
- 3. Advocating for social, economic, and cultural opportunities for visually impaired Hispanics, their families and communities;**
- 4. Improving educational and rehabilitational facilities for visually impaired Hispanics;**
- 5. Broadening vocational opportunities for visually impaired Hispanics;**
- 6. Encouraging and assisting visually impaired Hispanics to develop their abilities and potentials, and to assume their responsible place in the community;**
- 7. Cooperating with public and private institutions assisting and serving visually impaired Hispanics, their families and communities;**
- 8. Providing for the free exchange of ideas, opinions and information relative to matters of concern to visually impaired Hispanics, their families and communities through meetings, social media and other publications.**

#### **Article IV. (Membership)**

**Any person may apply to become a member of HCB, provided the applicant meets the qualifications set forth in HCB's By-Laws.**

**Article V.  
(Voting)**

**At the Annual Meeting, each member shall be entitled to one (1) vote, as set forth in HCB's By-Laws.**

**Article VI.  
(Dues and Assessments)**

**Dues and Assessments will be collected and paid as set forth in HCB's By-Laws.**

**Article VII.  
(Officers)**

**The corporation will have the following officers:**

- 1. President**
- 2. Vice-President**
- 3. Secretary**
- 4. Treasurer**
- 5. Membership secretary**

**HCB corporate mandated officers will be elected at the Annual Members Meeting of every odd year after the first two-year term of the officers initially chosen by the incorporator expires as set forth in HCB's By-Laws.**

**The initial officers designated by the incorporator are:**

- 1. Saavedra, Maria Fernanda, President  
10415 Jutland Court  
City of Orlando, FL 32821**

2. **Somaza, Nancy, Vice-Presidente**  
**439 Chicago Woods Circle**  
**City of Orlando, FL 32824**
3. **Ramos, Diego A., Secretary**  
**2450 Yellow Brick Road**  
**City of St. Cloud, FL 34772**
4. **Baez, Guillermo, Treasurer**  
**6844 Ebans Bend**  
**City of Orlando, FL 32807**
5. **Lopez, Angel, Membership secretary**  
**595 W. Church Street**  
**Apartment 203**  
**City of Orlando, FL 32805**

**The duties, responsibilities and qualifications of the officers of the corporation will be set forth in HCB's By-Laws.**

#### **Article VIII.**

##### **(Board of Directors)**

**The Board of Directors will be composed of the five officers identified in Article VII and four additional Directors, to wit: Director of Logistics, Director of Education, Director of Communications and a Director at Large.**

**The Incorporator elected the following Directors:**

1. **Mendez, Norma, Director of Logistics**
2. **Sanchez, Celia, Director of Education**
3. **Derisan, Jose, Director of Communications**

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**4. Garcia, Ellud, Director at Large.**

**All members of the HCB Board of Directors shall be legally blind as such term is defined in HCB's By-Laws and they will be able to communicate fluently in the Spanish language.**

**A simple majority of the HCB Board of Directors present and voting constitutes a quorum.**

**The Board of Directors shall be the governing body of HCB between Members Annual Meetings, provided that it shall make no policy decisions and take no official action in conflict with existing decisions or actions of the Assembly and HCB By-Laws.**

**No employee or contractor of HCB may serve as an officer or as a member of the Board of Directors of HCB to avoid even the appearance of a conflict of interest as set forth in the Constitutions, By-Laws and Manuals of Operation of ACB (American Council of the Blind) and FCB (Florida Council of the Blind).**

**To avoid any plausible appearance of a conflict of interest no members of the same family may serve as HCB officers or its directors and concurrently be employees or contractors of HCB.**

**Article IX.  
(501(c)(3) mandate)**

**No part of the net earnings of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its members, trustees, officers, directors, or other private persons, except that HCB is 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.**

**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, HCB 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.**

**Moreover, or In the alternative, 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 X. (Dissolution)**

**Upon dissolution of HCB, all assets, after payment of financial obligations, will be transferred to the Florida Council of the Blind, and in its absence to the American Council of the Blind or, in the absence of both charitable organizations, the assets will be transferred to another organization of or for the advancement or the betterment of visually impaired persons as intended by the purpose of HCB when incorporated 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 XI.  
(Effective date)**

The period of duration of HCB is perpetual, unless dissolved according to law.

Corporate existence shall commence upon the filing of these Articles of Incorporation.

**Article XII.  
(Registered agent)**

The name, Florida physical address and electronic address of the designated Resident Agent of HCB is:

Diego A. Ramos  
2450 Yellow Brick Rd.  
St. Cloud, FL 34772  
dramos@amrclaw.com

Having been named as registered agent to accept service of process for HCB 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.

  
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Required Signature of Registered Agent

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**Article XIII.  
(Incorporator)**

**The name and Florida physical address and electronic mail address of the incorporator for HCB is:**

**Maria Fernanda Saavedra  
10415 lutland Ct.  
Orlando, FL 32821  
fundartistica@hotmail.com**

**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 Section 817.155, of the Florida Statutes.**

  
**Required Signature of Incorporator**

9/22/2020  
**Date**

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