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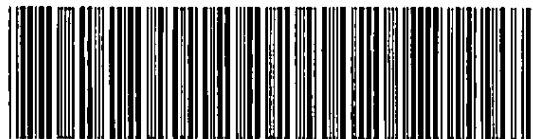
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1. The D.R.I.P. WAY FOUNDATION, INC.

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FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
Division of Corporations

November 18, 2020

FLORIDA CAPITAL COURIER SERVICES

SUBJECT: THE D.R.I.P. WAY FOUNDATION, INC.  
Ref. Number: W20000132472

We have received your document for THE D.R.I.P. WAY FOUNDATION, 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 document must have original signatures.

Please return your document, along with a copy of this letter, within 60 days or your filing will be considered abandoned.

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ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

A FLORIDA CORPORATION, NOT FOR PROFIT

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

#### ARTICLE I - NAME

The name of the corporation shall be:

**The D.R.I.P. Way Foundation, Inc.**

#### ARTICLE II - PRINCIPAL OFFICE

The Principal street address is located in Broward County.

The **Principal** street address and **Mailing** address is:

**1830 N. University Drive**

**Suite 252**

**Plantation, FL 33322 US**

#### ARTICLE III - PURPOSE

- 1) The D.R.I.P. Way Foundation Inc. 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 under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code.
- 2) The Foundation is dedicated to providing mentorship and advocacy for sickle cell disease research, and in doing so may contribute to other charitable organizations. The entities to whom the Foundation makes donations will be chosen entirely in the discretion of the Board of Directors of the Foundation.
- 3) The Foundation may engage in a variety of fund-raising activities and events. All proceeds of any such activities would be donated by the Foundation to other tax-exempt, charitable organizations.
- 4) If the Foundation engages in fund-raising activities which may require the retaining and assistance of professional organizers and promoters, it will hire any such persons pursuant to specific written contracts negotiated at arm's length and calling for no more than reasonable compensation for services rendered.

#### ARTICLE IV - MEMBERSHIP AND MANNER OF ELECTION

- 1) The D.R.I.P. Way Foundation Inc. shall initially include seven members. The number of Directors may change from time to time, pursuant to the Bylaws, but shall never be less than three.
- 2) Members of the Board of Directors shall be elected and hold office in accordance with the Bylaws.

## **ARTICLE V - INITIAL OFFICERS AND/OR DIRECTORS**

**Name and Title:** John Franklin III, President and Director

**Address:** 1830 N. University Drive, Suite 252  
Plantation, FL 33322

**Name and Title:** John Franklin Jr., Vice President and Director

**Address:** 1830 N. University Drive, Suite 252  
Plantation, FL 33322

**Name and Title:** Kealer Franklin, Treasurer and Director

**Address:** 1830 N. University Drive, Suite 252  
Plantation, FL 33322

**Name and Title:** Stephanie Bevill, Director

**Address:** 4620 W. 19<sup>th</sup> Street  
West Park, FL 33023

**Name and Title:** Derek Spearman, Director

**Address:** 18815 Hollybank Path  
Davidson, NC 28036

**Name and Title:** Dwayne Hirsch, Director

**Address:** P.O. Box 266  
Metter, GA 30439

**Name and Title:** Myra Brown-Williams, Director

**Address:** 4510 SW 21<sup>st</sup> Street  
West Park, FL 33023

## **ARTICLE VI - REGISTERED AGENT**

The **name and Florida street address** of the registered agent is:

**Name:** John Franklin III

**Address:** 1830 N. University Drive, Suite 252  
Plantation, FL 33322

## **ARTICLE VII - INCORPORATOR**

The **name and address** of the Incorporator is:

**Name:** John Franklin III

**Address:** 1830 N. University Drive, Suite 252  
Plantation, FL 33322

## **ARTICLE VIII - DURATION:**

The Corporation is to exist perpetually unless dissolved according to law.

## **ARTICLE IX - AMENDMENTS TO BYLAWS:**

As permitted by Section 617.0206, Florida Statutes, as amended or superseded from time to time, subject to the limitations contained in the Bylaws, and any limitations set forth in the Corporations Not for Profit Law of Florida, concerning corporate action that must be authorized or approved by the members of the corporation, Bylaws of this Corporation may be altered, rescinded, added to, or new Bylaws may be adopted by a majority of the Board of Directors present at any meeting; provided that notice of the proposed change is mailed to each member at least fifteen (15) days prior to such meeting.

## **ARTICLE X - AMENDMENTS TO ARTICLES:**

These Articles of Incorporation may be amended as provided by law. No amendments are permitted which would cause any loss of the corporation's status under section 501(c)(3) of the code. Amendments may also be made at a regular meeting of the membership upon a one (1) month notice given, by a majority vote of those members present.

## **ARTICLE XI - NO PRIVATE INUREMENTS; RESTRICTIONS ON ACTIVITIES**

- 1) No part of the net earnings of The D.R.I.P. Way Foundation Inc. shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its members, trustees, officers or other private persons, 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 hereof.
- 2) 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 public office.

3) Notwithstanding any other provision of these Articles, The D.R.I.P. Way Foundation, Inc. shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by an organization exempt from Federal Income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the code or (b) by the organization's contributions which are deductible under section 170(c)(2) of the code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

## ARTICLE XII - DISTRIBUTION UPON DISSOLUTION

Upon the dissolution of the corporation, assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes 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 in Florida, exclusively for such purposes or to such organization or organizations, as said Court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.

*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.*

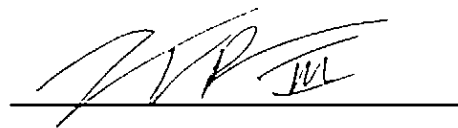


Required Signature of Registered Agent

11/17/2020

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

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