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# **COVER LETTER**

Department of State Division of Corporations P. O. Box 6327 Tallahassee, FL 32314

CRAG LityR	tain Poverty Escape, Inc.		
	(PROPOSED CORPOR	RATE NAME - <u>MUST INC</u>	LUDE SUFFIX)
Enclosed is an original a	and one (1) copy of the Artic	les of Incorporation and	a check for :
□ \$70.00 Filing Fee	■ \$78.75 Filing Fee & Certificate of Status	□\$78.75 Filing Fee & Certified Copy  ADDITIONAL CO	& Certificate
FROM:	ANTONETTE RUSSELL Name	(Printed or typed)	
	6750 N. Andrews Ave., Ste 200 Address		
	Fort Lauderdale, FL 33309		
	954-681-6212	•	
	Daytime Telephone number		

povertyescapeinc@gmail.com

NOTE: Please provide the original and one copy of the articles.

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

## CRAG LILYRAIN POVERTY ESCAPE, INC.

| A Florida Corporation Not for Profit|

The undersigned person, acting as incorporator, for the purpose of forming a Florida corporation not for profit, hereby adopts the following Articles of Incorporation:

## ARTICLE I

#### Name of Corporation

The name of the corporation is:

CRAG LilyRain Poverty Escape, Inc.

#### ARTICLE II

## Principal Place of Business and Mailing Address

The principal place of business for the corporation is:

6750 N. Andrews Ave., Ste 200

Fort Lauderdale, FL 33309

The Board of Directors may from time to time move the principal office to any other address in Florida and establish branch offices at any other place within or outside the State of Florida. The mailing address of the corporation is:

PO Box 26892

Tamarac, FL 33320

#### ARTICLE III

#### Purpose

The is a corporation not for profit. The general purpose for which this corporation is organized, is to help society's forgotten people exclusively for charitable, humanitarian, educational and social purposes which will qualify it as an exempt organization under Internal Revenue Code (IRC) § 501(c)(3), or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue law, including for those purposes, the making of distributions to organizations which qualify as tax exempt organizations under that section.

## The specific purpose of the corporation not for profit will be to:

a. Help the poor, the distressed, and the disabled escape poverty through homeless support services.



- b. Provide support services to homeless and disabled United States Veterans by working with local VA hospitals and other legitimate Veterans organizations to eliminate hardship faced by lack of access to services through the Veterans Administration (VA) and other government agencies such as the Social Security Administration.
- c. Work to erase roadblocks to a successful education for poor children in the United States and worldwide from the primary/elementary school to high school levels, such as:
  - Reduce the technology deficit in poorly funded schools located in low income and rural area schools by equipping schools with computers, student tablets, internet service and other technology items,
  - 2. Provide funding for breakfast and lunch programs for poor children.
  - 3. Provide needed education supplies for teachers and students,
  - 4. Provide school uniforms, school shoes, school bags and personal hygiene items for underprivileged children,
  - 5. Eliminate period poverty for girl worldwide.
  - 6. Provide academic scholarships and student national examination fee funding for at risk and poor children.
- d. Stamp out hunger and food insecurity in the United States and worldwide.
- e. Work to ameliorate disparities in healthcare services for the poor minorities and disabled populations in the United States and worldwide.
- f. Assist the poor by promoting career development and education through career advice, resume building, interview preparation, dress code, and financial responsibility.
- g. In furtherance of the above enumerated purposes and functions, and notwithstanding any other purposes not specifically mentioned in this article, the corporation may engage in any and all lawful charitable purposes under IRC Sec. 501(c)(3) and Florida law.

## ARTICLE IV

## **Board of Directors and Corporation ByLaws**

Bylaws of the corporation are to be made, offered, and rescinded by a majority of the Board of Directors present and voting at a regular or special business meeting.

a. The Board of Directors shall elect the following officers: President. Vice President. Treasurer, Secretary and any other officers which the bylaws of this corporation authorize the directors to elect for board terms of two years.

- b. Any action required or permitted to be taken by the board of directors under any provision of law may be taken without a meeting, if all the members of the board individually or collectively consent in writing (emails included) to the action.
- c. Written consent or consents shall be filed with the minutes of the proceedings of the board, and any actions by written consent shall have the same force and effect as if taken by unanimous vote of the directors.
- d. Any certificate or other document filed under any provision of law that relates to action taken in this manner shall state that the action was taken by unanimous written consent of the board of directors without a meeting and that the articles of incorporation and bylaws of this corporation, authorize the directors to act in this manner. This statement shall be prima facie evidence of the directors' authority.
- e. The Board of Directors shall have the authority to take and receive by gift, grant, bequest, devise or otherwise any and all property of any kind or nature, without limitation as to amount or value, and to manage, administer, invest, reinvest, and dispose of the same, to administer endowment funds; to pay and/or apply the funds and property of the corporation, including the principal and the income thereof, to carry out the purpose of the corporation.
- f. Subject to the limitations and conditions contained in any gift, devise or bequest, to invest its funds in such mortgages, bonds, debentures, shares of preferred and common stocks and any securities and property as its Directors shall deem advisable, and to that end to purchase, sell, mortgage, lease, pledge, encumber, assign and transfer the same.

#### ARTICLE V

#### Initial Board of Directors and Officers

Initially, this corporation shall have four (4) directors. The number of directors may be increased depending on business needs. The directors shall hold office for the first year of existence of the corporation and until their successors are elected or appointed according to the bylaws. The name and address of the of the initial officers and directors are as follows:

## **OFFICER DETAILS:**

Title: CEO

Russell, Antonette P., Esq. Address: 6750 N Andrews Ave., Ste 200 Fort Lauderdale, FL 33309

**DIRECTOR DETAILS:** 

Title: President

Burris, Mertella T., Esq. Address: 6720 NW 39th Ln., Lauderhill, FL 33319

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Title: VP

Ricketts-Coley, Natalie Address: 2966 NW 124th Way, Sunrise, FL 33323

Title: Treasurer

Kelly, Leleitha L., Address: 3047 Brighton Ct., Conyers, GA 30094

Title: Secretary

Atkinson-Flowers, Nadine, Esq. Address: 1804 Cricket Ln., Folcroft, PA 19032

#### ARTICLE VI

#### **Corporate Existence**

This corporation shall exist for a perpetual period of time and these Articles shall be effective upon receipt by the Florida Department of State.

#### ARTICLE VII

#### Dissolution

In the event of dissolution, the remaining assets of CRAG LilyRain Poverty Escape, Inc., shall be transferred to a not for profit organization qualified and in good standing under Internal Revenue Code (IRC) § 501(c)(3).

#### ARTICLE VIII

#### **Prohibited Activities**

Notwithstanding any other provisions, the corporation *shall not* carry on any other activities not permitted by

- a. A corporation exempt under Internal Revenue Code (IRC) § 501(c)(3), or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue law,
- b. A corporation's contribution which are deductible which under Internal Revenue Code (IRC) § 170(c)(2). Internal Revenue Code (IRC) § 170(c)(3), or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue law.
- c. For any period in which the corporation is a private foundation within the meaning of 26 U.S. C. § 509 (a), the corporation shall also be subject to the following additional limitations:
  - 1. The corporation shall not engage in any act of self-dealing which is subject to tax under 26 U.S.C. § 4941.
  - 2. The corporation shall distribute such amounts for each taxable year at such time and in such manner as not to subject the corporation to tax on undistributed income under 26 U.S.C. § 4942.

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- 3. The corporation shall not retain any excess business holdings which are subject to tax under 26 U.S.C.§ 4943.
- 4. The corporation shall not make any investments which would jeopardize carrying out any of its exempt purposes as to subject the corporation to tax under 26 U.S.C. § 4944.
- 5. The corporation shall not make any expenditures which are subject to tax under 26 U.S.C. § 4945.
- d. No part of the net earnings of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its members, directors, officers or other private person, except that the corporation shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for serviced rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth above.
- e. No substantial part of the activities of the corporation shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation. The corporation shall not participate in, or intervene in, including the publishing or distribution of any political statements, shall not participate in any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office.

#### ARTICLE IX

#### **Contracting Debt**

An Officer, with the approval of the Board of Directors, can enter into a contract for the corporation. He or She can execute and deliver any commercial instrument in the name of and on behalf of the corporation.

#### ARTICLE X

## **Amendment**

These articles may be altered, amended or repealed and new articles may be adopted at any regular or special meeting of the Board of Directors and ratified by the majority of the qualified directors.

## ARTICLE XI

#### **Director Liabilities**

Liabilities arising from the normal course of business shall be borne by the company. Officers and Directors shall be indemnified for any out-of-pocket expenses and any other cost including personal defense attorney fees while being actively involved in the decisions of the company.

## ARTICLE XII

## Registered Agent

Antonette Patrice Russell, Esquire is the initial registered agent of **CRAG LilyRain Poverty Escape**, **Inc.**, and her address is located at The Russell Law Firm, P.L. 6750 N Andrews Ave., Ste 200-2149 Fort Lauderdale, FL 33309.

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Having been named as registered agent and to accept service of process for the above stated corporation **CRAG LilyRain Poverty Escape, Inc.**, at the place designated in this certificate. I hereby accept the appointment as a registered agent and agree to act in this capacity. I further agree to comply with the provisions of all statutes relating to the proper and complete performance of my duties, and I am familiar with and accept the obligations of my position as registered agent as provided for in Chapter 607, of the Florida Statute.

12/03/2020

Date

Registered Agent's Signature

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## ARTICLE XIII

#### **Incorporator Information**

The name and address of the incorporator is:

Antonette Russell, Esquire 6750 N Andrews Ave., Ste 200 Fort Lauderdale, FL 33309

The undersigned is the incorporator submitting these articles of incorporation, for the purpose of forming this corporation not for profit under the laws of Florida and affirms that the facts stated herein are true. The undersigned is aware that any false information submitted in a document to the Department of State constitutes a third-degree felony as provided for in Florida Statute § 817.155. I understand the requirement to file an annual report between January 1st and May 1st in the calendar year following formation of this corporation not for profit and every year thereafter to maintain active status.

These articles of incorporation have been executed on this  $3^{rd}$  of December 2020.

Antonette Patrice Russell, Incorporator