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ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

<u>OF</u>

Marabout Foundation, Inc.

We, the undersigned, do hereby associate ourselves together for the purpose of forming a Corporation Not For Profit, under and by virtue of Chapter 617, Florida Statutes, and do hereby adopt as and for the corporation charter of said corporation, the following articles of incorporation:

ARTICLE I: NAME

The name of this corporation shall be:

MARABOUT FOUNDATION, INC.

ARTICLE II: PRINCIPLE OFFICE AND MAILING ADDRESS

The principal place of business and mailing address of this corporation shall be:

1811 NW 51st Street #42D Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33309

ARTICLE III: PURPOSE

The purposes for which this Not-For-Profit Corporation is organized are:

To operate exclusively for charitable and educational purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. It is not organized for the private gain of any person and such purposes shall include the following:

- (a) To provide resources and financial support for individuals in need and/or in poverty by fundraising, providing education, information, and other support, with a focus on those in the Caribbean Islands, such as Haiti, Jamaica, the Bahamas, and so forth.
- (b) To prevent cruelty to children and provide relief to the poor, the distressed and the underprivileged, and to combat community deterioration and juvenile delinquency.
- (c) To eliminate prejudice and discrimination against those in need and/or poverty by educating the general public.
- (d) To conduct any legal activity permitted to be conducted by nonprofit Corporations under the laws of the State of Florida and Section 501(c)(3) of the United States Internal Revenue Code. More specifically, but without reservation or restriction, this Corporation

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shall be organized and operated exclusively for charitable, literary and educational purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, as amended, or any superseding section.

- (e) To do such other things as may be necessary and proper to carry out and accomplish the above objects and purposes, and to exercise all rights and powers conferred by the State of Florida upon non-profit corporations.
- (f) All property shall be irrevocably dedicated to charitable purposes and shall be held in the corporate name of Marabout Foundation, Inc. Marabout Foundation, Inc. is a nonprofit corporation organized and operated exclusively for charitable, literary and educational purposes, which qualifies for exemption from Federal Income Tax under provision of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. The purchase, sale lease, mortgage or alienation of said real property shall be transacted according to the by-laws of the corporation.

ARTICLE IV: DISTRIBUTION OF CORPORATE FUNDS

No part of the net earnings of the corporation 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. 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, 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 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.

ARTICLE V: MANNER OF ELECTION OF DIRECTORS

The business and affairs of this corporation shall be conducted by a Board of Directors who shall number not less than three. Said directors shall have the authority and power to increase or decrease the number of serving directors within the limits provided in the Bylaws of the Corporation. The Board of Directors shall be elected as provided for in the Bylaws and serve until their successors are elected and qualified.

ARTICLE VI: LIMITATION OF CORPORATE POWERS

The corporate powers of this corporation are as provided in section 617.0302 of the Florida Statutes.

ARTICLE VII: TERM

The term for which this corporation shall exist shall be perpetual.

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ARTICLE VIII: OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

The names and street addresses of the initial officer(s) and director(s), if any, who shall hold office the first year of the corporation's existence or until their successors are elected, is are:

Marc A Jean-Pierre - DPTS 10200 SW 21st Street Miramar, FL 33025

Eddy Jean-Pierre - DVP 10200 SW 21st Street Miramar, FL 33025

Guilene Cady - D 10200 SW 21st Street Miramar, FL 33025

ARTICLE IX: INCORPORATOR

The name and street address of the Incorporator to these articles of incorporation is:

Marc A Jean-Pierre 1811 NW 51st Street #42D Fort Lauderdale, FL 33309

ARTICLE X: DISSOLUTION

In the event of dissolution of the corporation, assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code. 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.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned Incorporator has executed these Articles of Incorporation on September 14, 2021.

Marc A Jean-Pierre Incorporator

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CERTIFICATE DESIGNATING PLACE OF BUSINESS OR DOMICILE FOR THE SERVICE OF PROCESS WITHIN THIS STATE, NAMING AGENT UPON WHOM PROCESS MAY BE SERVED

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 607.0501 and 617.0501, Florida Statutes, the undersigned corporation, organized under the laws of the State of Florida, submits the following statement in designating the registered office/registered agent, in the State of Florida.

. 1. The name of the corporation is:

Marabout Foundation, Inc.

The name and address of the registered agent and office is:

Marc A Jean-Pierre 1811 NW 51st Street #42D Fort Lauderdale, FL 33309

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

HAVING BEEN NAMED TO ACCEPT SERVICE OF PROCESS FOR THE ABOVE STATED CORPORATION, AT THE PLACE DESIGNATED IN THIS CERTIFICATE, I HEREBY AGREE TO ACT IN THIS CAPACITY. I FURTHER AGREE TO COMPLY WITH THE PROVISIONS OF ALL STATUTES RELATIVE TO THE PROPER AND COMPLETE PERFORMANCE OF MY DUTIES, AND I AM FAMILIAR WITH AND ACCEPT THE OBLIGATIONS OF MY POSITION AS REGISTERED AGENT.

Mare A Jean-Pierre, Registered Agent