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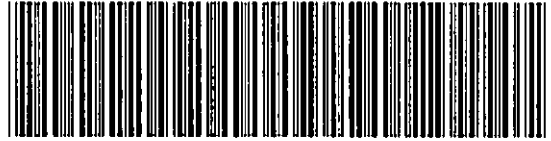
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Department of State  
Division of Corporations  
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SUBJECT: LUKUMI CULTURAL ASSOCIATION, INC.  
(PROPOSED CORPORATE NAME – MUST INCLUDE SUFFIX)

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

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FROM: Jacqueline Ben  
Name (Printed or typed)  
8773 NW 178th Street  
Address  
Hialeah, FL 33018  
City, State & Zip  
(305) 305-0817  
Daytime Telephone number

Lukumicultural@gmail.com

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

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

**ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION  
OF  
LUKUMI CULTURAL ASSOCIATION, INC.**

The undersigned, for the purpose of forming a corporation not-for-profit pursuant to the laws of the State of Florida, Chapter 617.0202 F.S., hereby adopts the following Articles of Incorporation:

**ARTICLE I - NAME**

The name of the corporation shall be:

**Lukumi Cultural Association, Inc.**

**ARTICLE II – PRINCIPAL OFFICE**

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

8773 NW 178<sup>th</sup> Street  
Hialeah, FL 33018

**ARTICLE III - PURPOSE**

The Corporation is organized exclusively for religious, cultural, educational and charitable purposes under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

1. The primary purpose of this organization is to preserve the Lukumi culture. Provide a temple to conduct religious services, and a facility for educational and social events in accordance with the practice of the Lukumi faith.
2. To establish and conduct family counseling and or drug preventive program on behalf of its members and all other individuals in need.
3. To provide a facility to exhibit attributes of the Lukumi religion.
4. To solicit funds and donations from time to time to further the purposes of this corporation.
5. To acquire and receive by purchase, donation or otherwise, any property, real, personal or mixed, and to hold, use and dispose of the same.

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6. To borrow money and to issue evidence of indebtedness in furtherance of any or all of the objects of its business, and to secure loans by mortgage, pledge, deed of trust, or other liens.
7. To apply for, obtain and contract with any federal, state, or local government or agency for a direct loan or other financial aid in the form of grants or otherwise relating to the purposes of this corporation.
8. To engage in any kind of activity, and to enter into, perform and carry out contracts of any kind, necessary or in connection with, or incidental to the accomplishment of any one or more of the non-profit purposes of the corporation.

#### **ARTICLE IV – Terms of Existence**

The duration of the corporation shall be perpetual, unless sooner dissolved in accordance with the laws of the State of Florida. The date on which corporate existence shall begin is:

File Date.

#### **ARTICLE V - Manner of Election**

The corporation shall be managed by the initial officers and/or directors. The by-laws shall provide for the method of election and the method of determining the number of directors from time to time.

#### **ARTICLE VI – Officers/Directors**

The names, address, and specific titles of the initial officers and/or directors, who shall hold office until their successors are appointed or elected, are as follows:

Jacqueline Ben	8773 NW 178 <sup>th</sup> ST Hialeah, FL 33018	President
Giovanni Rodriguez	8773 NW 178 <sup>th</sup> ST Hialeah, FL 33018	Vice-President
Henry L. Rodriguez	8773 NW 178 <sup>th</sup> ST Hialeah, FL 33018	Secretary
Jose M. Ben	8773 NW 178 <sup>th</sup> ST Hialeah, FL 33018	Treasurer

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#### **ARTICLE VII – Bylaws Amendment**

Upon proper notice, the by-laws may be amended, altered or rescinded by a three-fourth (3/4) vote of those members of the Board of Directors present at any regular meeting or any special meeting called for that purpose.

#### **ARTICLE VIII – Corporation Amendment**

These Articles of Incorporation may be amended at a special meeting of the Board of Directors called for that purpose by a three-fourth (3/4) vote of those present, but it must have the approval of the President of Lukumi Cultural Association, Inc.

#### **ARTICLE VIX – Earnings**

No part of the net earnings of this corporation shall inure the benefit of any individual or member.

#### **ARTICLE X – Membership**

The membership of this corporation shall be constituted of all persons named as subscribers and such other persons as from time to time may become members in the manner provided in the by-laws.

#### **ARTICLE XI – Provision**

Notwithstanding any other provision of these Articles, this organization shall not carry on any activities not permitted to be carried on by an organization exempt from Federal Income Tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue law.

#### **ARTICLE XII - 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 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 XIII – Initial Registered Agent**

The name and address of the initial registered agent is:

Jacqueline Ben  
8773 NW 178<sup>th</sup> Street  
Hialeah, FL 33018

**CERTIFICATE OF DESIGNATION  
REGISTERED AGENT/REGISTERED OFFICE**

Pursuant to the provisions of section 617.0501, Florida Statutes, the undersigned not-for-profit 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:

**Lukumi Cultural Association, Inc.**

2. The name and address of the registered agent is:

Jacqueline Ben  
8773 NW 178<sup>th</sup> Street  
Hialeah, FL 33018

HAVING BEEN NAMED AS REGISTERED AGENT AND TO ACCEPT SERVICE OF PROCESS FOR THE ABOVE STATED NOT-FOR-PROFIT CORPORATION AT THE PLACE DESIGNATED IN THESE ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION, I HEREBY ACCEPT THE APPOINTMENT AS 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 OBLIGATION OF MY POSITION AS REGISTERED AGENT.

  
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Signature - Registered Agent  
  
JACQUELINE BEN  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Print Name  
  
2/23/22  
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Date

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**ARTICLE XIV – Incorporator**

The name and address of the Incorporator is:

Jacqueline Ben  
8773 NW 178<sup>th</sup> Street  
Hialeah, FL 33018

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.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, the undersigned incorporator has executed these Articles of

Incorporation this 23rd day of February, 2022.

  
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Signature - Incorporator

JACQUELINE BEN  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Print Name

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Witness – Signature

BARBARA E. VALDES  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Print Name

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