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# Articles of Incorporation

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# EMPRESARIO EXPRESS INC.

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SECRETARY OF STATE
TALL AHASSEE, FLORIDA

The undersigned, residents of the United States of America, desiring to form a non-profit corporation under the Non-Profit Corporation Laws of the State of Florida, do hereby certify:

# Article I - Name of Corporation

The name of the Corporation shall be Empresario Express Inc.

# Article II – Principal Office

The address of the principal office of the Corporation is 6401 SW 87 Avenue, Suite 114, Miami, Florida 33173.

#### Article III – Purpose of Corporation

This Corporation is organized and operated exclusively for charitable, educational and scientific purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1966 as now enacted or hereafter amended, including, for such purposes as the making of distributions to organizations that also qualify as Section 501(c)(3) exempt organizations of the Internal Revenue Code of 1966 as now enacted or hereafter amended. To this end, the Corporation shall promote charitable, educational and scientific purposes thereby improving the life and character of individuals directly and indirectly involved in its programs, for the betterment of life through the Corporation. To unite its participants and combine their efforts to promote their welfare, education and enlightenment.

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 IV - Objectives

The objectives and purposes of this Corporation are:

- A. The purposes of the Corporation are exclusively charitable, educational and scientific within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1966 or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue laws.
- B. To provide business education to all groups, communities, age groups, races and cultural backgrounds. The educational services will include, but are not limited to, accounting, finances, investments, asset management, corporate operations, computer basics, business mindset, English as a first language, business protocols and other related subjects.
- C. Whenever possible, the Corporation intends and is planning to provide these services at no cost to the students. In the event there is a cost, the Corporation intends to maintain the costs as minimal as possible. For this reason, the Corporation will be seeking grants, loans and support from educational, software and material providers to assist in maintaining these costs at a minimum.
- D. To be a support organization to other similarly-related non-profit organizations and ultimately help the community.
- E. To carry on the business, businesses and all related activities, duties, acts and procedures connected with providing help for the needy, promotion and dissemination through television, radio, Internet, different social media, newspapers and any other forms of mass communication and or conferences, meetings, study groups and any model or teaching and

associated either directly or indirectly with, but not limited to, miscellaneous services, and other activities to be transacted with either foreign or domestic persons, firms, companies, corporations, partnerships, governments or governmental agencies, and any other business or businesses, to the full extent permitted by the Laws of the State of Florida as a non-profit corporation.

# Article V – Objectives

The objectives this Corporation will establish include, but are not limited to:

- A. To engage in, promulgate, foster, promote and otherwise cause to be affected the community in general in the operation of best business practices according to the Laws of the United States, individual states and local government.
- B. To engage the community in general with economic and social improvement, enhancement and well-being, physical aspect, intellectual aspect, and all other facets and areas of the life for mankind of all ages and in all areas for the purpose of improving and enhancing human, elevation and progress, including, but not limited, to vocational training.
- C. To foster and promote the improvement and highest attainment in the areas of economic well-being, social relationships, intellectual achievements, physical improvement and growth for the purpose of enabling mankind of all ages and stations, regardless of the status of each individual, to form a more realistic attitude and the continuous improvement in the relationship of human beings among themselves in the business world.
- D. To support and encourage communication not only by conventional modes, but also by means which will accomplish such communication, extension and teaching including, but not limited to, media of communication developed by modern technology; but not for private profit, to sponsor, participate in, conduct or engage in radio broadcasting; television broadcasting; the printing or reproduction and publication of recordings, books and other materials; the

establishment and operations of a school or schools, including universities and graduate schools: and the holding and conducting of seminars, study groups workshops and meetings, by either resident or traveling teachers or professors and pay reasonable compensation for services actually rendered to persons, firms and corporations for such purposes, to establish a bookstore or bookstores.

E. To help the community in providing services that will include support groups and referrals to community/governmental agencies and help immigrants or foreigners living within the territory of the United States who need support in legal advice, helping with learning English as the main language of this nation, counseling that could provide the support needed to be good citizens who love the Constitution of this Nation.

# Article VI - Enabling Powers

In order to provide any and all of the services set out above, the Corporation shall have the power:

- A. To apply for and obtain any and all such licenses and permits of whatever location needed as shall be deemed necessary for the lawful functions of the Corporation.
- B. To buy, sell or otherwise acquire, handle, hold and dispose of real and personal property or any interest therein; to enter into transactions of any kind or character whatsoever with respect to such real or personal and to dispose of it as may be required.
- C. To manage, supervise, operate, control, lease, let and sublet offices, office buildings, and all other kinds and character of property of every nature whatsoever.
- D. To purchase, or otherwise acquire, and to own and mortgage, pledge, sell, assign and transfer or otherwise dispose of, and to invent, trade, deal in and deal with goods, wares, merchandise and other personal property of every class and description whatsoever.

- E. To buy, sell, manufacture, repair, alter and exchange, let or hire, export and deal in all kinds of articles and things which may be required for the purpose of any of the said businesses, or commonly supplied or dealt in by persons engaged in any such businesses, or which may seen as capable of being profitably dealt with in connection with any of the said businesses.
- F. To guarantee, acquire by purchase, subscription or otherwise, hold for investment or otherwise, sell, assign, transfer, mortgage, pledge, or otherwise dispose of the shares of the capital stock of, or any bonds, securities or evidences of indebtedness created by any other corporation or corporations of the State of Florida, or any other state or government, domestic or foreign; and while the owner of any such stocks, bonds, securities or evidences of indebtedness. to exercise all the rights, powers and privileges of ownership, including the right to vote thereon for any and all purposes; to aid by loan, subsidy guaranty, or in any other manner whatsoever so far as the same be permitted in the case of corporations organized under the General Corporation Laws of the State of Florida, any corporation whose stocks, bonds, securities or other obligations are or may be in any manner and at any time owned, held or guaranteed, and to do any and all other acts or things for the preservation, protection, improvement, or enhancement in value of any such stocks, bonds, securities or other obligations; and to do all and any such acts or things designed to accomplish any such purpose.
- G. To acquire, hold, own, dispose of, and generally deal in grants, concessions, franchises and contracts of every kind; to cause to be formed, to promote and aid in any way in the formation of any corporation, domestic or foreign.
- H. To act as financial, business and purchasing agent for domestic and foreign corporations, individuals, partnerships, associations, state governments or other bodies.

- 1. To acquire in any manner, enjoy, utilize, hold, sell, assign, lease, mortgage or otherwise dispose of, letters patent of the United States or of any foreign country, patents, patent rights, licenses and privileges, inventions, improvements and processes, copyrights, trademarks and trade names or pending applications therefor, relating to or useful in connection with any business of the corporation or any other corporation in which the corporation may have an interest as a stockholder or otherwise.
- J. To borrow money and contract debts when necessary for the transaction or business or for the exercise of its corporate rights, privileges or franchises, or for any other lawful purpose of its incorporation; to issue bonds, promissory notes, bills of exchange, debentures and other obligations and evidences of indebtedness payable at a specified event or events, secured or unsecured, the right to convert the principal thereof into any preferred or common stock of the corporation, how or hereafter authorize, upon such terms and conditions as shall be fixed by the Board of Directors may deem judicious, subject, however, to the provisions of Article III hereof.
- K. To acquire by purchase, subscriptions or otherwise, and to hold for investment, and to own, hold, sell, vote and handle shares of stock in other corporations.
- L. To have one or more offices, conduct its business and promote its objects within and without the State of Florida, in other states, the District of Columbia, the territories, possessions and dependencies of the United States, and in foreign countries, without restrictions as to place or amount.

In general, to do any or all of the things herein set forth to the same extent as natural persons might or could do and in any part of the world as principal agents, contractors, trustees, or otherwise, within or without the State of Florida, either alone or in company with others, and

to carry on any other business in connection therewith, whether specifically stated herein or otherwise, and to do all things not forbidden, and with all the powers conferred upon nonprofit corporations by the laws of the State of Florida.

It is the intention that each of the objects, purposes, and powers specified in each of the paragraphs of these Articles of Incorporation shall, except where otherwise specified, be nowise limited or restricted by reference to or inference from the terms of any other paragraph or of any other articles or paragraphs of these Articles of Incorporation and shall be regarded as independent objects, purposes and powers, and the enumeration of specific purposes and powers shall not be constructed to restrict in any manner the general terms and powers of this corporation, nor shall the expression of one thing be deemed to exclude another, although it be of like nature. The enumeration of objects or purposes herein shall not be deemed to exclude or in any way limit by inference any powers, objects, or purposes which this corporation is empowered to exercise, whether hereafter in effect, or impliedly by any reasonable construction of said law. 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 of 1986 or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue law.

# Article VII -- Capital Stock

This Corporation is authorized to operate without stock as per the Laws of Florida.

#### Article VIII -- Beginning Capital

The amount of capital with which this Corporation will be started has not been determined yet.

#### Article IX – Elections

The manner in which the directors are elected or appointed is contained in the Corporation's By-laws.

# <u>Article X – Incorporators</u>

The number of initial directors of this Corporation is three (3). Their names and addresses are as follows:

Maritza Castellanos 814 NW 36 Avenue, Unit 304 Miami FL 33125

Erika Montesdeoca 1306 DeKalb Avenue, Unit 2 Brooklyn, NY 11221

Maria I Ruscelli 2550 Independence Avenue, Unit 3-M Bronx, NY 10463

# Article XI - Officers, Directors And Meetings

The business of this Corporation shall be conducted by a Board of Directors, which shall consist of not less than three (3), following are the officers: President, one, vice president, Secretary, Treasurer, and/or Secretary-Treasurer and Directors. The number of Directors may be changed from time to time through changes in the By-Laws, but shall never be less than two (2). Directors shall hold their annual and special meetings as the By-Laws may provide and may have one or more offices, within or outside the State of Florida. The appointment of the directors shall be stated in the By-Laws.

The names and street addresses of the First Board of Directors and Officers of the corporation are:

NAME: ADDRESS:

Maritza Castellanos 814 NW 36 Avenue, Unit 304

President Miami FL 33125

Erika Montesdeoca 1306 DeKalb Avenue, Unit 2

Vice President Brooklyn, NY 11221

Maria I Ruscelli 2550 Independence Avenue, Unit 3-M

Secretary/Treasurer Bronx, NY 10463

# Article XII - Effective Date and Term of Existence

The effective date of the Corporation is April 21, 2022. The period of duration of this Corporation is perpetual.

#### Article XIII – Qualification of Membership

The categories of membership, qualifications for membership and the manner of admission shall be set forth and regulated by the By-Laws of the Corporation.

### Article XIV – Voting Rights

The Corporation shall have no voting members, the management and affairs of the Corporation shall be at all times under the direction of the president and the Board of Directors, whose operations in governing the Corporation shall be defined by statutes and the Corporation's by-laws. No director shall have any right, title or interest in or to any property of the Corporation.

#### Article XV- Educational Services

This Corporation will engage in activities to provide educational services from children to adults in all communities, regardless of race, color, religion (creed), gender, gender

expression, age, national origin (ancestry), disability, marital status, sexual orientation, or military status, in any of its activities or operations.

# Article XVI - Prohibition Against Private Inurement

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 Three 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 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.

#### Article XVII – Compensation

Resolved that any salaries, wages, together with fringe benefits or other forms of compensation (housing, transportation or other allowances) paid to or provided our employees, directors or officers will not exceed a value which is reasonable and commensurate with the duties and working hours associated with such employment and with the compensation ordinarily paid persons with similar positions or duties.

#### <u>Article XVIII – Limitation on Activities</u>

No part of the net earnings of this Corporation shall consist of carrying on propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation (except as otherwise provided by Section 501(h) of the Internal Revenue Code), and this 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 provisions of these Articles, this Corporation shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (1) by a corporation exempt from federal income tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code or (2) by a corporation's contributions to which are deductible under Section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law.

### Article XIX- Dissolution

In the event of dissolution of this Corporation, its assets remaining after payment, or provision for payment, of all debts and liabilities of this Corporation shall be distributed and turned over to one or more organizations which themselves are exempt as organizations described in Sections 501(c)(3) and 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Code, or to the Federal, State or local government for exclusive 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.

However, if the named recipient is not then in existence or no longer a qualified distribute, or unwilling or unable to accept the distribution, then the assets of this Corporation shall be distributed to a fund, foundation or corporation organized and operated exclusively for the purpose specified in Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code (or corresponding section of any future Federal tax code).

#### <u>Article XX – Indemnification</u>

The Corporation shall indemnify a director or officer of the Corporation who was wholly successful, on the merits or otherwise, in the defense of any proceeding to which the director or officer was a party because the director or officer of the Corporation against any reasonable attorneys' fees and expenses incurred by the director or officer in connection with the proceeding. The Corporation may indemnify an individual made a party to a proceeding because the individual is or was a director, officer, employee or agent of the Corporation against liability if authorized in the specific case after determination, in the manner required by the Board of Directors, that indemnification of the director, officer, employee or agent, as the case may be, is permissible in the circumstances because the director, officer, employee or agent has met the standard of conduct set forth by the Board of Directors. The indemnification and advancement of attorneys' fees and expenses for directors, officers, employees and agents of the Corporation shall apply when each person is serving at the Corporation's request while a director, officer, employee or agent of another foreign or domestic corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust, employee benefit plan or other enterprise, whether or not for profit, as well as in their official capacity with the Corporation. The Corporation also may pay for or reimburse the reasonable attorneys' fees and expenses incurred by a director, officer, employee or agent of the Corporation who is a party to a proceeding in advance of final disposition of the proceeding. The

Corporation also may purchase and maintain insurance on behalf of an individual arising from the individual's status as a director, officer, employee or agent of the Corporation, whether or not the Corporation would have power to indemnify the individual against the same liability under the law. All references in these Articles of Incorporation are deemed to include any amendment or successor thereto. Nothing contained in these Articles of Incorporation shall limit or preclude the exercise of any right relating to indemnification or advance of attorneys' fees and expenses to any person who is or was a director, officer, employee or agent of the Corporation or the ability of the Corporation otherwise to indemnify or advance expenses to any such person by contract or in any other manner. If any word, clause or sentence of the foregoing provisions regarding indemnification or advancement of attorneys' fees or expenses shall be held invalid as contrary to law or public policy, it shall be severable and the provisions remaining shall not be otherwise affected. All references in these Articles of Incorporation to "director," "officer," "employee," or "agent" shall include their heirs, estates, executors, administrators and personal representatives of such persons.

### <u>Article XXI – Liabilities for Debts</u>

The members, officers, directors, employees or agents of the Corporation shall not be liable for the debts of the Corporation.

#### <u>Article XXII – Amendments</u>

These Articles of Incorporation may be amended in the manner provided By Law. Every amendment shall be approved by the Board of Director proposed by them to the Members, and approved at a Members meeting by a majority of the Members, unless all the Directors and all the Members sign a written statement manifesting their intention that a certain amendment of these Articles of Incorporation be made.

# Article XXIII - Registered Agent

The name and address of the Registered Agent of this Corporation is:

Paz Accounting Company 6401 SW 87 Avenue, Suite 114 Miami, Florida 33173

No contract or other transaction between this Corporation and any other corporation shall be affected or invalidated by the fact that any one or more of the directors of this Corporation is an officer or director of any other corporation.

In Witness Whereof, we have hereunto subscribed our names this <u>21</u> day of April, 2022, in Miami, Miami-Dade County, Florida.

Maritza Castellanos, President

STATE OF FLORIDA COUNTY OF MIAMI-DADE

BEFORE ME, a Notary Public of the State of Florida, personally appeared Meritza

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Notary Public State of Florida

Maria C Perez

My Commission

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Notary Public, State of Florida

# ACCEPTANCE OF REGISTERED AGENT

Having been named as registered agent to accept service of process for the above 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 and I further agree to comply with the provision

of all statutes relative to the proper and complete performance of my duties, and I accept the duties and obligations of Chapter 617, Florida Statutes.

Dated this \_\_\_\_\_ day of April, 2022, in Miami, Miami-Dade County, Florida.

Paz Accounting Company 6401 SW 87 Avenue, Suite 114 Miami, Florida 33173

# OFFICER CERTIFICATION

I submit these Articles of Incorporation 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 § 817.155, of the Florida Statutes.

Dated this 21 day of April, 2022, in Miami, Miami-Dade County, Florida.

Maritza Castellanos, President

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