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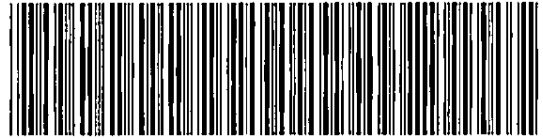
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Department of State
Division of Corporations
P. O. Box 6327
Tallahassee, FL 32314

SUBJECT: Public Research Institute for Minority Empowerment 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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Filing Fee &
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Status

☐ \$78.75
Filing Fee
& Certified Copy

☒ \$87.50
Filing Fee,
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& Certificate

ADDITIONAL COPY REQUIRED

FROM: Amanda Chinyere Ichite

Name (Printed or typed)

21 NE 22nd St Apt 1112

Address

Miami, FL 33137

City, State & Zip

850-345-9295

Daytime Telephone number

amanda.ichite@gmail.com

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

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

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

ARTICLE I NAME

The name of the corporation shall be: Public Research Institute for Minority Empowerment Inc.

ARTICLE II PRINCIPAL OFFICE

Principal street address:
5116 Centennial Oak Circle

Tallahassee, FL 32308

Mailing address, if different is:
21 NE 22nd St Apt 1112

Miami, FL 33137

ARTICLE III PURPOSE

The purpose for which the corporation is organized is: to improve the outcomes of disadvantaged populations through vocational support, personal and professional development, and community service involvement. PRIME will also serve as rich source of evidence primarily garnered by means of community based research and large scale surveys to inform the development of policies and programs created to affect PRIME's target populations (e.g. low income minority youth and adults). The goal is for the impact of our efforts to be sustained within the people we help long after they have been removed from our programs, in hopes that their communities will benefit from the residual effects of our individual level initiatives.

ARTICLE IV MANNER OF ELECTION The manner in which the directors are elected and appointed: Majority vote rules

ARTICLE V INITIAL OFFICERS AND/OR DIRECTORS

Name and Title: Amanda Chinyere Ichite, CEO

Address 5116 Centennial Oaks Circle
Tallahassee, FL 32308

Name and Title: Precious Chibuzor Ichite, Director

Address: 5116 Centennial Oaks Circle
Tallahassee, FL 32308

Name and Title: Andrea Nkenna Ichite, Director

Address 5116 Centennial Oaks Circle

Name and Title: _____

Address: _____

Name and Title: Elizabeth Chinke Ichite, Director

Address 5116 Centennial Oaks Circle
Tallahassee, FL 32308

Name and Title: _____

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ARTICLE VI REGISTERED AGENT

The **name and Florida street address** (P.O. Box **NOT** acceptable) of the registered agent is:

Name: Amanda Chinyere Ichite, CEO _____

Address: 5116 Centennial Oaks Circle _____

Tallahassee, FL 32308 _____

ARTICLE VII INCORPORATOR

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

Name: Amanda Chinyere Ichite, CEO _____

Address: 5116 Centennial Oaks Circle _____

Tallahassee, FL 32308 _____

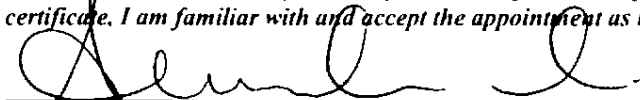
ARTICLE VIII EFFECTIVE DATE:

Effective date, if other than the date of filing: _____ (OPTIONAL)

(If an effective date is listed, the date must be specific and cannot be more than five days prior or 90 days after the filing.)

Note: If the date inserted in this block does not meet the applicable statutory filing requirements, this date will not be listed as the document's effective date on the Department of State's records.

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

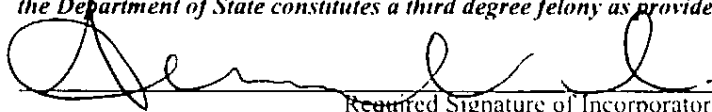


Required Signature of Registered Agent

03/30/23

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

03/30/23

Date

State of Florida

Department of State

I certify from the records of this office that PRIME EMPOWERMENT INC is a corporation organized under the laws of the State of Florida, filed on September 24, 2018, effective September 26, 2018.

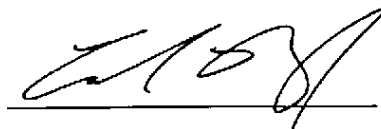
The document number of this corporation is N18000010261.

I further certify that said corporation has paid all fees due this office through December 31, 2023, that its most recent annual report/uniform business report was filed on March 27, 2023, and that its status is active.

I further certify that said corporation has not filed Articles of Dissolution.

*Given under my hand and the
Great Seal of the State of Florida
at Tallahassee, the Capital, this
the Twenty-seventh day of March,
2023*




Secretary of State

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**ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF
Public Research Institute for Minority Empowerment Inc.
A FLORIDA NOT FOR PROFIT CORPORATION**

Pursuant to the provisions of chapter 617 of the Florida statutes, the above named Florida Nonprofit Corporation hereby adopts the following restated and amended articles of incorporation. The corporation was formed and the articles of incorporation filed with the Florida department of state on October 15, 2018 – document number is N18000010261. The amended and restated articles of incorporation was adopted by its board of directors as pursuant to its articles of incorporation and by-laws and was unanimously approved by the board of directors entitled to vote on the amendment and the number of votes cast by the board of directors were sufficient for approval. The articles of incorporation of The Public Research Institute for Minority Empowerment are hereby amended and restated as follows:

ARTICLE I - NAME

The name of the corporation is Public Research Institute for Minority Empowerment, Inc.

ARTICLE II - ADDRESS

The Principal Office of the Corporation is located at: 5116 Centennial Oaks Circle Tallahassee, FL 32308

The mailing address of the Corporation is: 21 NE 22nd St Apt 1112 Miami, FL 33137

ARTICLE III: DURATION

Public Research Institute for Minority Empowerment hereinafter PRIME shall exist perpetually unless terminated sooner according to the laws of the state of Florida.

ARTICLE IV: PURPOSE

PRIME 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. Within the scope of the foregoing, the corporation is organized and empowered to accept, hold, invest, and disburse for charitable, religious, educational, and scientific purposes such funds as may from time to time be given to it by any person, persons or corporations. The purpose of the also includes the performance of activities related or incidental to the furtherance of the corporations stated purpose and permitted under the laws of the United States and the state of Florida.

SPECIFIC PURPOSES: PRIME's specific purpose is to improve the outcomes of disadvantaged populations through vocational support, personal and professional development, and community service involvement. PRIME will also serve as rich source of evidence primarily garnered by means of community based research and large scale surveys to inform the development of policies and programs created to affect PRIME's target populations (e.g. low income minority youth and adults). The goal is for the impact of our efforts to be sustained within the people we help long after they have been removed from our programs, in hopes that their communities will benefit from the residual effects of our individual level initiatives.

Technical Institute for Minority Empowerment (TIME)

Within this institute of PRIME, vocational support will be provided in the form of vocational counseling, job placement, job development, and other vocational related services for disadvantaged youth and individuals with qualifying, documented disabilities as identified by the Florida Department of Education's Division of Vocational Rehabilitation.

Developmental Institute for Minority Empowerment (DIME)

This institute of PRIME will serve to provide personal and professional development training for disadvantaged youth and adults with specific attention paid to youth with behavioral issues and established Individual Development Plans (IDPs). DIME will offer a variety of trainings to include leadership, time management, conflict resolution, interviewing, resume development, and college readiness to name a few. Personal development skills such as exercising, healthy eating, mental wellness, effective listening, and communication will also be incorporated into the DIME seminars. Leaders within this institute will guide trainings and serve as youth mentors.

Community Outreach & Development Efforts (CODE)

The purpose of CODE is to encourage community participation and engagement among youth. Within this institute, youth will be given the opportunity to earn community service hours for school or hours towards their probation requirements as applicable. CODE participants will be given the opportunity to participate in an international service project once a year. Participation in CODE will be mandatory for those participating in DIME and optional but encouraged for TIME participants.

The corporation shall perform all things necessary and/or desirable in connection with the aforementioned purposes.

PRIME will establish facilities, develop programs, and conduct seminars to empower individuals in disadvantaged and underprivileged communities as well as provide opportunities that correlate with their individual goals. Identifying goals will assist PRIME leadership in helping individuals obtain employment that suits their professional experience, supports their desire for personal development, or helps guides their future field of study whether it be academic or technical.

As a research institute, PRIME firmly believes in conducting research that will have long term impacts on the communities we serve. PRIME will conduct studies in the areas of health and educational disparities as well as quality of life for disadvantaged populations. Findings from our research will be used to inform the development of policies and programs that will most effectively

The corporation will employ a variety of tactics (i.e. flyers, info sessions, block parties) to inform the general public and community about available programs and facilities as a means to expand the economic and educational opportunities of different individuals, families and groups. By doing such, the corporation will increase community access to services and resources that will help to reduce common barriers within disadvantaged communities and support development at the individual and community levels in the state of Florida.

The corporation understands the value that personal development gives individuals when it comes to the labor market, but will mainly focus its energy within professional development to help young individuals from all ethnic backgrounds between the ages of 14-21 years old with their transition from high school into their next stage in life. Whether they choose to pursue a post-secondary education, join the military, join Job Corps, or just to transition directly into the labor market, PRIME will facilitate the process and help them overcome common barriers faced by transitioning individuals. PRIME believes that all individuals should have the opportunity to be successful in a way that best suits them.

PRIME will establish scholarships and other means of increasing access to educational opportunities for disadvantaged or underprivileged individuals and families. Awards, scholarships, or loans provided by the corporation may be made as a one time or recurring event. In the case of extreme need, the corporation may assist individuals and families by offering bill assistance with proof of need paying rent, utilities, tuition, etc. on their behalf.

ARTICLE V:

ARTICLE V: QUALIFICATION OF BOARD MEMBERS AND MANNER OF ADMISSIONS

1. The membership shall be open to all persons 18 years of age or older who are residents of the state of Florida interested in the objectives of the corporation. The initial members of the corporation shall be:

Amanda Chinyere Ichite, CEO
5116 Centennial Oaks Circle
Tallahassee, FL 32308

Elizabeth Chinke Ichite, Director
5116 Centennial Oaks Circle
Tallahassee, FL 32308

Andrea Nkenna Ichite, Director
5116 Centennial Oaks Circle
Tallahassee, FL 32308

Precious Chibuzor Ichite, Director
5116 Centennial Oaks Circle
Tallahassee, FL 32308

2. The by-laws of the corporation may prescribe additional qualifications for members and may provide for additional classes of members.

3. Prospective members shall be admitted to membership upon approval by a majority of the board of directors.

ARTICLE VI – TERM OF EXISTENCE/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.

The management of the affairs of the corporation shall be invested in a board of directors, as defined by the corporation's bylaws. No director shall have any right, title, or interest in or to any property of the corporation.

In witness whereof, we have hereunto subscribed our names this day of March 30, 2023.

ARTICLE VII: EXEMPTION REQUIREMENT

At all times the following shall operate as conditions restricting the operations and activities of the corporation:

1. 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 Third 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 for public office.
3. 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.

If reference to federal law in articles of incorporation imposes a limitation that is invalid in your state, you may wish to substitute the following for the last sentence of the preceding paragraph: "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 VIII: OFFICERS/DIRECTORS

The officer(s) and/or directors of the corporations is/are:

Andrea Nkenna Ichite
5116 Centennial Oaks Circle
Tallahassee, FL 32308

Elizabeth Chinke Ichite
5116 Centennial Oaks Circle
Tallahassee, FL 32308

Precious Chibuzor Ichite
5116 Centennial Oaks Circle
Tallahassee, FL 32308

ARTICLE IX – INDEMNIFICATION

The corporation shall indemnify any person who was or is a party or is threatened to be made a party to any threatened, pending or completed action, suit or proceeding, whether civil or criminal, administrative or investigative (whether or not by or in the right of the corporation), by reason of the fact that he or she is or was a director or officer of the corporation, against any and all expenses (including attorney fees, court costs, and appellate costs and fees), judgments, fines and amounts paid in settlement incurred by him or her in connection with such action, suit or proceeding, except for an officer or director who is adjudged guilty of willful misfeasance or willful malfeasance in the performance of his or her duties. Such right of indemnification shall continue as to a person who has ceased to be a director or officer shall inure to the benefit of the heirs and personal representatives of such person. Provided, however, that, if any past or present officer or director sues the corporation, other than to enforce the indemnification, such past or present director or officer institution such suit shall not have the right of indemnification hereunder in connection with such suit. The corporation is authorized to purchase insurance to provide funds for the indemnification herein above set forth, and, if such insurance is purchased but the proceeds of the same are not sufficient or cover the cost of indemnification or deficiency resulting from insufficient insurance coverage, the board of directors shall assess the membership to cover such costs. This indemnification is an absolute right, and such assessments shall be made notwithstanding and any provisions contained herein to the contrary.

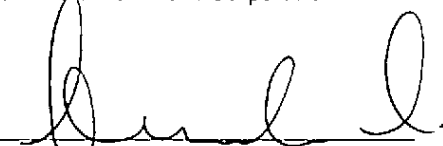
ARTICLE X – AMENDMENT OF ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

These articles may be amended by a majority of the members present and voting at any regular or special meeting of the corporation, provided, however, that these articles of incorporation shall not be amended unless written notice is the first given of the proposed amendment to each and every member of the corporation, provided, however, that the amendment will not adversely affect the status of the Corporation as an organization qualifying under IRC Section 501(c) (3)

ARTICLE XI – ATTESTATION

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we, the undersigned, have here unto subscribed our names for the purpose of forming the corporation under the laws of the State of Florida and certify we executed these Amended and Restated Articles of Incorporation on March 30, 2023.

PUBLIC RESEARCH INSTITUTE FOR MINORITY EMPOWERMENT INC.
A Florida Not for Profit Corporation

By: 
Amanda Chinyere Ichite, CEO

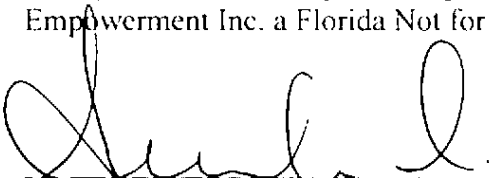
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Attested By: 
Andrea Nkenna Ichite, Director

3.30.23
Date

REGISTERED AGENTS ACCEPTANCE OF APPONTMENT

Having been named the Registered Agent to accept service of process for the above stated Corporation, at the registered office designated in the Articles, I hereby accept such designation and agree to serve as registered agent for the Public Research Institute for Minority Empowerment Inc. a Florida Not for Profit Corporation.


Amanda Chinyere Ichite, Registered Agent

3.30.23
Date

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