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## **ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF Joe Katuka Basketball Foundation, Inc**

The undersigned, for the purpose of forming a nonprofit corporation under the Florida Not-for-Profit Corporation Act, Florida Statutes Chapter 617, makes and adopts the following articles of incorporation:

### **Article 1. Name**

The name of the corporation is as follows: Joe Katuka Basketball Foundation, Inc

### **Article 2. Address**

The address of the principal office and the mailing address of the corporation is: 9779 Black Walnut Dr  
Clermont, FL 34715

### **Article 3. Initial Registered Office and Agent**

The address of the initial registered office of the corporation is: 10150 Highland Manor Drive Suite 200, Tampa FL 33610.  
The name of its initial registered agent at that address is: Stokes Law Group, PLLC.

### **Article 4. No Members**

The corporation shall not have members and shall not issue membership certificates. The corporation shall not issue shares of stock.

### **Article 5. Not-for-Profit**

The corporation is a not-for-profit corporation under Chapter 617, Florida Statutes. The corporation is not formed for pecuniary profit. No part of the income or assets of the corporation is distributable to or for the benefit of its directors or officers, except to the extent permissible under these articles, under law and under 26 U.S.C.A. § 501(c)(3). If the corporation ever has members, no member shall have any vested right, interest or privilege in or to the assets, income or property of the corporation, and no part of the income or assets of the corporation shall be distributable to or for the benefit of its members, except to the extent permissible under these Articles, under law and under 26 U.S.C.A. § 501(c)(3).

### **Article 6. Duration**

The duration (term) of the corporation is perpetual.

### **Article 7. Purposes**

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The corporation is a not-for-profit corporation. The purposes for which the corporation is organized are:

(a) The specific and primary purposes for which this corporation is formed is to empower underprivileged children in foreign countries through the transformative power of sports, providing them with a pathway to learn essential life skills and access education. Our foundation aims to utilize sports as a tool for physical and emotional development, fostering resilience, teamwork, and leadership among disadvantaged youth. By integrating educational components into our sports programs, we strive to instill a love for learning and equip children with the knowledge and skills necessary to create brighter futures for themselves and their communities. Through our holistic approach, we envision a world where every child, regardless of their background, has the opportunity to thrive and succeed.

(b) The general purposes for which this corporation is formed are to operate exclusively for charity and education purposes which will qualify it as an exempt organization under 26 U.S.C.A. § 501(c)(3), or corresponding provisions of any subsequent federal tax laws, including, for those purposes, the making of distributions to organizations which qualify as tax-exempt organizations under that Section.

(c) This corporation shall not, as a substantial part of its activities, carry on propaganda or otherwise attempt to influence legislation; nor shall it participate or intervene by publication, distribution of any statements in any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office.

#### **Article 8. Powers**

Solely for the above purposes, the corporation shall have the following powers:

A. To exercise all rights and powers conferred by the laws of the State of Florida on nonprofit corporations, including but not limited to those set forth in Florida Statutes Chapter 617 and the following powers: to acquire by bequest, devise, gift, grant, donation, contribution, purchase, lease or otherwise any property of any sort or nature without limitation as to its amount or value, and to hold, invest, reinvest, manage, use, apply, employ, sell, expend, disburse, lease, mortgage, convey, option, donate or otherwise dispose of the property and the income, principal and proceeds of the property.

B. To engage in and transact any other lawful activity, solely in furtherance of the above purposes, for which nonprofit corporations may be incorporated under the Florida Not-for-Profit Corporation Act, and any successor or amendment to the Florida Not-for-Profit Corporation Act.

C. To do any other things as are incidental to the powers of the corporation, or necessary or desirable in order to accomplish the purposes of the corporation.

#### **Article 9. Limitation**

No part of the net earnings of the corporation shall inure directly or indirectly to the benefit of or be distributable to its members (if the corporation ever has any), directors or officers. However, 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 7 (Purposes) of these Articles.

#### **Article 10. Tax-Exempt Status**

It is intended that the corporation shall have and continue to have the status of a corporation that is exempt from federal income taxation 26 U.S.C.A. § 501(a) as an organization described in 26 U.S.C.A. § 501(c)(3), and which is other than a private foundation as defined in 26 U.S.C.A. § 509. These articles shall be construed accordingly, and all powers and activities of the corporation shall be limited accordingly. The corporation shall not carry on propaganda or otherwise attempt to influence legislation to such an extent as would result in the loss of exemption under 26 U.S.C.A. § 501(c)(3). All references in these

articles to sections of the Internal Revenue Code shall be considered references to the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as from time to time amended, and to the corresponding provisions of any similar law subsequently enacted.

#### **Article 11. Dissolution**

Upon the dissolution of the corporation, the board of directors shall, after paying or making provision for the payment of all of the liabilities of the corporation, distribute all of the assets of the corporation exclusively for charitable, scientific or educational purposes in such manner and to such qualified organization or organizations as the board of directors shall determine. Any of the assets not so distributed shall be distributed in accordance with the direction of any court having jurisdiction in the county in which the principal office of the corporation is then located, exclusively for the above purposes of the corporation or to a qualified organization or organizations as the court shall determine. For purposes of this article, an organization is a "qualified organization" only if, at the time of receiving the assets, it is operated exclusively for the purposes described in 26 U.S.C.A. § 170(c)(1) or 26 U.S.C.A. § 170(c)(2)(B) and is described in 26 U.S.C.A. § 509(a)(1), (2) or (3).

#### **Article 12. Board of Directors**

There shall be a board of directors consisting of at least three individuals. The initial directors are elected by the incorporators. After that, each director shall be elected by majority vote of the board of directors in the manner, and at the times, set forth in the bylaws. Any director may be removed by the affirmative vote of at least two-thirds of the board of directors.

The names and addresses of each founding board of director members is as follows:

Joseph Katuka (President)  
9779 Black Walnut Dr  
Clermont, FL 34715

Stephanie Ratliff (Vice President of Operations)  
9779 Black Walnut Dr  
Clermont FL 34715.

Gloria Katuka (Director)  
1460 NW 3rd Pl  
Gainesville FL 32603

#### **ARTICLE 13. Officers**

The officers of the corporation may consist of a president, one or more vice presidents, a secretary, a treasurer, and any other officers and assistant officers as may be provided for in the bylaws or by resolution of the board of directors. Each officer shall be elected by majority vote of the board of directors (and may be removed by majority vote of the board of directors) at such a time, and in such a manner, as may be prescribed by the bylaws or by law.

#### **Article 15. Incorporators**

The name and address of each incorporator is as follows: Joseph Katuka of 9779 Black Walnut Dr  
Clermont, FL 34715

#### **Article 16. Bylaws**

The bylaws of the corporation are to be made and adopted by the board of directors, and may be altered, amended or rescinded

by the board of directors.

#### **Article 17. Amendment**

The corporation reserves the right to amend or repeal any provision contained in these articles of incorporation or any amendment to them.


#### **Article 18. Indemnification and Civil Liability Immunity**

The corporation shall indemnify each director and officer, including former directors and officers, to the fullest extent allowed by law, including but not limited to Florida Statutes Chapter 617. It is intended that the corporation be an organization the officers and directors of which are immune from civil liability to the extent provided under Florida Statutes Chapter 617 and other similar laws.

#### **Article 19. Commencement of Corporate Existence**

The date when corporate existence shall commence is May 1, 2024.

In, witness, the undersigned incorporator has signed these articles of incorporation on 23/05/24.

  
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JOSEPH KATUKA, INCORPORATOR

Joseph Katuka

# **CERTIFICATE OF DESIGNATION AND ACCEPTANCE BY REGISTERED AGENT**

Pursuant to the provisions of § 617.0501, Fla. Stat., the undersigned corporation organized under the not-for-profit corporation laws of the State of Florida submits the following statement in designating the registered office and registered agent of the corporation in the State of Florida:

1. Name of the corporation:

Joseph Katuka Basketball Foundation, Inc.

2. Name and address of the registered agent and office:

Stokes Law Group, PLLC

10150 Highland Manor Drive

Suite 200

Tampa FL 33610

I, the undersigned person, having been named as registered agent and appointed to accept service of process for the above-stated corporation at the place designated in this statement, 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 obligations of my position as registered agent.

Dated: May 1, 2024



Shaunette Stokes

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