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#### ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

OF

# WEST TAMPA CENTENNIAL SOCIETY, INC. a non profit corporation

The undersigned, for the purpose of forming a non profit corporation under the Florida Non Profit Corporation Statutes, Chapter 617, do hereby make and adopt the following Articles of Incorporation:

## ARTICLE I.

# NAME, ADDRESS AND MAILING ADDRESS OF THE CORPORATION

The name of this corporation is:

# WEST TAMPA CENTENNIAL SOCIETY, INC. a non profit corporation

The street address and mailing address of the initial principal office is:

Suite 2350 - One Tampa City Center 201 N. Franklin Street Tampa, Florida 33602

#### ARTICLE II.

#### NOT FOR PROFIT

The Corporation is a corporation not for profit as defined in Section 617.01, 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 Members, Directors or Officers, except to the extent permissible under the law.

#### ARTICLE III.

#### **DURATION**

The duration of the Corporation is perpetual.

## ARTICLE IV.

## **PURPOSE**

The Corporation shall be operated exclusively for charitable, scientific, literary and/or educational purposes and as described in Section 501(c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 or corresponding provisions of any subsequent Federal Tax Law, including but not limited to the following particular purposes:

- a. To preserve, publish and commemorate the rich, diverse, cultural history of West Tampa.
- b. To exercise all rights and powers conferred by the laws of the State of Florida upon non profit corporations, including without limiting the generality of the foregoing, to acquire by bequest, devise, gift, 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 such property and the income, principal and proceeds of such property, for any purposes set forth herein.
- c. To do such other things as are incidental to the purpose of the corporation or necessary or desirable in order to accomplish them.

## ARTICLE V.

# LIMITATIONS

No part of the net earnings of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of or be distributable to its Members, Directors or Officers, but the Corporation shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purpose set forth in Article 4 (Purpose) hereof.

# ARTICLE VI.

#### **MEMBERSHIP**

The qualifications for Members and the manner of their admission shall be provided for in the ByLaws.

#### ARTICLE VII.

# **INCORPORATORS**

The name and address of the Incorporators are as follows:

NAME:

**ADDRESS:** 

E.J. SALCINES

Suite 2350 - One Tampa City Center

201 N. Franklin Street Tampa, Florida 33602

ELVIN L.MARTINEZ 2508 Tampa Bay Blvd,. Tampa, Florida 33607

#### ARTICLE VIII.

#### INITIAL REGISTERED OFFICE AGENT

The name and street address of the initial Registered Agent of the Corporation is as follows:

NAME:

ADDRESS:

**E.J.SALCINES** 

Suite 2350 - One Tampa City Center 201 N. Franklin Street Tampa, Florida 33602

#### ARTICLE IX.

# **OFFICERS**

The foregoing Officers of the Corporation shall consist of a President, First Vice-President, Second Vice-President, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, Treasurer, and Legal Advisor, and such other Officers and Assistant Officers as may be provided for in the ByLaws. Each Officer shall be elected by the Membership at such time and in such manner as may be prescribed by the Bylaws.

The initial Officers of the Corporation are as follows:

**PRESIDENT** 

NAME & ADDRESS:

OFFICE:

E.J.SALCINES Suite 2350 -One Tampa City Center 201 N. Franklin Street Tampa, Florida 33602

ELVIN L.MARTINEZ 2508 Tampa Bay Blvd, Suite A Tampa, Florida 33607 1ST VICE-PRESIDENT and LEGAL ADVISOR

ARSENIO M. SANCHEZ 4518 N. Lincoln Ave., Tampa, Florida 33614 2nd VICE-PRESIDENT

BERNARD CIMINO 2707 Essex Tampa, Florida 33602 **SECRETARY** 

EUSTASIO FERNANDEZ RECORDING SECRETARY 3221 Swann Ave., #4
Tampa,Florida 33609

ARMANDO MENDEZ 8815 Audrey Lane Tampa, Florida 33615 **TREASURER** 

#### ARTICLE XI.

#### **BYLAWS**

The Bylaws of the Corporation are to me made and adopted by the Board of Directors, and may be altered, amended or rescinded by the Board of Directors. The provisions of <u>Florida Statutes</u> 617, as amended from time to time, shall govern the Bylaws.

#### ARTICLE XII.

#### **AMENDMENTS**

The Corporation reserves the right to amend or repeal any provisions contained in these Articles of Incorporation or any amendment to them, and all rights and privileges conferred upon the Members, Directors and Officers are subject to this reservation.

# ARTICLE XIII.

# NONSTOCK BASIS

The Corporation is organized and shall be operated on a nonstock basis within the meaning of the Florida Not For Profit Corporation Act, and shall not have the power to issue shares of any type or class of stock or other certificates or writings evidencing an ownership or proprietary interest in the Corporation.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned have signed these Articles of Incorporation on this 2/5 day of February, 1995.

E.J.SÁLCINES

EL''IN L.MARTINEZ

STATE OF FLORIDA COUNTY OF HILLSBOROUGH

The foregoing Articles of Incorporation of WEST TAMPA CENTENNIAL SOCIETY, INC., were acknowledged on this 2/s+day of February, 1995, by E.J.SALCINES and ELVIN L.MARTINEZ, as Incorporators, who are personally known to me and did not take an oath.

TERESA M.SANCHEZ

NOTARY PUBLIC

THIS INSTRUMENT WAS PREPARED BY: ELVIN L.MARTINEZ, ESQUIRE 2508 Tampa Bay Blvd., Suite A, Tampa, Florida 33607

# ACCEPTANCE BY REGISTERED AGENT

The undersigned, E.J. SALCINES, of Suite 2350, One Tampa City Center, 201 N. Franklin Street, Tampa, Florida 33602, hereby accepts the appointment as Registered Agent of **WEST TAMPA CENTENNIAL SOCIETY, INC.**, a Florida Non Profit Corporation, which is contained in the foregoing Articles of Incorporation.

Dated this 21st day of February, 1995.

E.J. SALCINES - Registered Agent