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ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

OF

THE SIMÓN BOLÍVAR INSTITUTE, INC. (A Florida Not for Profit Corporation)



ARTICLE I

The name of this Corporation is THE SIMON BOLÍVAR INSTITUTE, INC. (hereinaster called the "Corporation").

ARTICLE II

The address of the principal office and the mailing address of the Corporation shall be: 970 W. 32 Street, Hialcah, Florida 33012.

ARTICLE III

The period of the duration of the Corporation is perpetual unless dissolv d according to law.

ARTICLE IV

The Corporation is organized exclusively for charitable, 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 United States Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

ARTICLE V

The Corporation shall have the power to acquire, own, maintain and use its assets for the purposes for which it is organized; to raise funds by any legal means for the encouragement of its purposes; to acquire, hold, own, use and dispose of real or personal property in connection with the purposes of the Corporation; and to exercise all powers necessary or convenient to the furtherance of the purposes for which the Corporation is organized; and to exercise all powers granted to a corporation not for profit under Florida law. In addition to the powers specified, the Corporation shall have the additional powers specified in its bylaws.

ARTICLE VI

Management of the Corporation shall be vested in the Corporation's Board of Directors, the members of which shall be not less than three. The number and method of election of the directors of the Corporation who shall serve following the terms of the initial directors of the Corporation shall be as stated in the bylaws.

<u>ARTICLE VII</u>

The number constituting the initial Board of Directors of the Corporation is six (6). The names and addresses of the persons who shall serve as the initial Board of Directors of the Corporation are as follows:

Burt Gomez RJ Reynolds Tobacco Co. Suite 1803 9130 S. Dadeland Blvd. Miami, Florida 33156

Ana Maria Hern andez Barnett Bank 101 Hialeah Drive Hialeah, Florida 33010

Diego Melians 13280 SW 98 Street Miami, Florida 33186 Lourdes Nieto Peter's Medical Center (Business Development Office) 1400 NW 12 Avenue Miami, Florida 33136

Manny Rodriguez Florida Power & Light Co. 4200 W. Flagler Street Miami, Florida 33134

Fred A. Rojas 970 W. 32 Street Hialeah, Florida 33012

ARTICLE VIII

The Corporation shall not have members.

ARTICLE IX

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 of 1986, as amended, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or shall be distributed to the federal government, or to a state or local government, for public purpose. Any such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by a Florida 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.

ARTICLEX

No part of the net earnings of the Corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its members, directors, 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 IV 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 or engage in political activities of any kind, except as permitted by the provisions of Section 501(h) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

Notwithstanding any other provision of these Articles of Incorporation, 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 of 1986, as amended, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or (b) by a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under Sections 170(c)(2), 2055, 2106(a)(2) and 2522 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, or corresponding sections of any future federal tax code.

In the event that the Corporation shall be considered to be a private foundation, as such term is defined in Section 509(a) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code, then in that event, the Corporation:

- A. shall distribute its income for each tax year at such time and in such manner as not to become subject to the tax on undistributed income imposed by Section 4942 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code; and
- B. shall not (i) engage in any act of self-dealing as defined in Section 4941(d) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code; (ii) retain any excess business holdings as defined in Section 4943(c) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code; (iii) make any investments in such manner as to subject it to tax under Section 4944 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code; or (iv) make any

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taxable expenditures as defined in Section 4945(d) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

ARTICLEXI

The bylaws may contain any provisions for the regulation and management of the affairs of the Corporation not inconsistent with law or these Articles of Incorporation. The bylaws of the Corporation may be amended, altered, or repealed and new bylaws may be adopted as provided in the bylaws.

ARTICLE XII

These Articles of Incorporation shall be amended only by the affirmative vote of a majority of the entire Board of Directors.

ARTICLE XIII

The street address of the Corporation's initial registered office in the State of Florida is 970 W. 32 Street, Hialeah, Florida 33012, and the name of its initial registered agent at such office is Fred A. Rojas.

ARTICLE XIV

The name and address of the sole incorporator is Fred A. Rojas, 970 W. 32 Street, Hialeah, Florida 33012 (hereinafter called the "Incorporator").

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned, being the Incorporator for the purpose of forming a Corporation pursuant to the Florida Not For Profit Corporation Act, Chapter 617, Florida Statutes, as amended, has signed these Articles of Incorporation on this 44 day of Acri 1996.

Fred A. Rojas, Incorporator

PROCEEDING ON THE CANADA OF

ACCEPTANCE OF APPOINTMENT OF REGISTERED AGENT

Having been named as Registered Agent and to accept service of process for the above stated Corporation at the place designated in this certificate, 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 obligations of my position, as Registered Agent.

Fred A. Rojas Registered Agent