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RE: ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION -  
TAMPA EMPOWERMENT CORPORATION

Dear Ms. McDuffie:

Enclosed please find an original and one copy of the Articles of Incorporation for the corporation enclosed herewith. Please file the original in your offices and certify and return the copy to my attention. Also, enclosed you will find a check or money order payable to the Secretary of the State of Florida in the amount of \$122.50 for applicable fees for Articles of Incorporation.

If you have any questions, please contact me at the number shown above. Thank you as usual for your assistance.

Sincerely,

SALEM, SAXON & NIELSEN, P.A.

*Ricardo L. Gilmore/tg*  
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**THE ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION  
OF  
TAMPA EMPOWERMENT CORPORATION**

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We, the undersigned, being the incorporator(s) of *TAMPA EMPOWERMENT CORPORATION*, a Florida not for profit corporation, hereby file the following Articles of Incorporation, that comply with the requirements of Florida Statutes Chapter 617 (Florida Not For Profit Corporation Act);

**ARTICLE I- NAME**

The name of the Corporation is *TAMPA EMPOWERMENT CORPORATION*, a Florida not for profit corporation (hereinafter the "Corporation").

**ARTICLE II- REGISTERED OFFICE AND AGENT AND  
PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS AND MAILING ADDRESS**

The registered office of the Corporation shall be located at One Barnett Plaza, 101 East Kennedy Blvd., Suite 3200, Tampa, Florida 33601, and the initial registered agent of the Corporation at that address shall be Ricardo L. Gilmore, Esquire.

The principal place of business and the mailing address of the Corporation shall be: *TAMPA EMPOWERMENT CORPORATION*, 1514 Union Street, Tampa, FL 33607.

**ARTICLE III - PURPOSES AND POWERS**

The general nature of the objects, purposes, powers and limitations of the Corporation shall be as follows:

- (a) to conduct activities through grant funded programs or through contracts, either directly or through other corporations, which provide maximum training, employment and business opportunities to residents living in public or assisted housing in Tampa, Florida;
- (b) to conduct activities through grant funded programs or through contracts, either directly or through other corporations, which provide services to residents living in public or assisted housing in Tampa, Florida;
- (c) to conduct activities through grant funded programs or through contracts, either directly or through other corporations, to improve the quality of life for residents living in public or assisted housing in Tampa, Florida;
- (d) to promote self-sufficiency and economic independence among residents of public housing and assisted housing, and thus reduce the dependency of residents on public welfare assistance;
- (e) to operate in any manner for such nonprofit, charitable and/or educational purposes as will qualify the Corporation as a charitable organization exempt from federal income tax under Internal Revenue Code Section 501(c)(3);
- (f) to accept a substantial part of its support (exclusive of income received in the exercise or performance by such organization of its charitable, educational or other purpose or function constituting the basis for its exemption) from a governmental unit or from direct or indirect contributions from the general public, the Corporation's organizers, corporations, foundations,

- and any other public or private sources;
- (g) to generally perform any function necessary to engage in any lawful purpose or purposes not for pecuniary profit;
- (h) no part of the earnings of the Corporation shall inure to the benefit of or be distributable to its members, officers or other private persons, except that the Corporation may be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and products purchased and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes hereinafter set forth. 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 any candidate for public office;
- (i) notwithstanding any other provisions of these Articles, the Corporation shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (i) by a corporation exempt from federal income tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 or (ii) by an organization, contributions to which are deductible under Section 170(c)(2) of such Code as it now exists or as it may be amended;
- (j) the Corporation will 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, or corresponding section of any other federal tax code;
- (k) the Corporation will not engage in any act of self-dealing as defined in Section 4941(d) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code without providing for fair, adequate, and reasonable compensation;
- (l) the Corporation will not retain any excess business holdings as defined in Section 4943(c) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code;
- (m) the Corporation will not make any investments in such manner as to subject it to tax under Section 4944 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code; and
- (n) the Corporation will not make any taxable expenditures as defined in Section 4945(d) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

The Corporation shall have the power to:

- (a) have succession by its corporate name for the period set forth in its Articles of Incorporation;
- (b) sue and be sued and appear and defend in all actions and proceedings in its corporate name to the same extent as a natural person;
- (c) adopt and use a common corporate seal and alter the same provided, however, that such seal shall always contain the words "not for profit corporation,";
- (d) elect or appoint such officers and agents as its affairs shall require and allow them reasonable compensation, if so voted by a majority of the Directors of the Corporation;
- (e) adopt, change, amend and repeal bylaws, not inconsistent with law or its Articles of Incorporation, for the administration of the affairs of the Corporation and the exercise of its corporate powers;
- (f) make contracts and incur liabilities, borrow money at such rates of interest as the Corporation may determine, issue notes, bonds and other obligations, and secure any of its obligations by mortgage and pledge of all or any of its property, franchises or income;
- (g) conduct its affairs, carry on its operations, and have offices and exercise the powers granted herein in any state, territory, district or possession of the United States or any foreign country;

- (h) purchase, take, review, lease, take by gift, devise or bequest, or otherwise acquire, own, hold, improve, use or otherwise deal in and with real or personal property, or any interest therein, wherever situated;
- (i) acquire, enjoy, utilize and dispose of patents, copyrights and trademarks and any licenses and other rights or interests thereunder or therein;
- (j) sell, convey, mortgage, pledge, lease, exchange, transfer or otherwise dispose of all or any part of its property and assets;
- (k) purchase, take, receive, subscribe for, or otherwise acquire, own, hold, vote, use, employ, sell, mortgage, lend, pledge or otherwise dispose of and otherwise use and deal in and with, shares and other interest in, or obligations of other domestic or foreign corporations, whether for profit or not for profit, associations, partnerships or individuals, or direct or indirect obligations of the United States, or of any other government, state, territory, governmental district, municipality, or of any instrumentality thereof;
- (l) lend money for its corporate purposes, invest and reinvest its funds and take and hold real and personal property as security for the payment of funds so loaned or invested;
- (m) make donations and work together with public or private entities to encourage and facilitate the provision of affordable housing opportunities to persons and families of low and moderate income, for the public welfare, and for religious, charitable, scientific, educational or other similar purposes;
- (n) have and exercise all powers necessary or convenient to effect any or all of the purposes for which the Corporation is organized; and
- (o) the above stated powers shall in no way be a limitation of those corporate powers set forth in Florida Statutes §617.0302 (Florida Not For Profit Corporation Act) which powers are included herein by reference.

#### ARTICLE IV - MEMBERS

The Corporation shall have no members and no stockholders.

#### ARTICLE V - EXISTENCE

The existence of the Corporation shall be perpetual.

#### ARTICLE VI - DIRECTORS

The affairs of the Corporation shall be managed by the Board of Directors, which initially shall consist of the following seven (7) members, until the first election thereof:

##### NAME

*Audley S. Evans*  
*President*

*Dr. Margaret Fisher*  
*Vice-President*

##### ADDRESS

*1514 Union Street*  
*Tampa, Florida 33607*

*1807 Dr. Martin Luther King Blvd.*  
*Tampa, Florida 33610*

*Debbie Johnson*  
*Secretary/Treasurer*

*1514 Union Street*  
*Tampa, Florida 33607*

*Kim Egelseer*  
*Director*

*3411 North 40<sup>th</sup> Street*  
*Tampa, Florida 33605*

*Gussie Louise Livingston*  
*Director*

*3410 Sand Dune Lane*  
*Tampa, Florida 33610*

*Fernando Noriega*  
*Director*

*306 East Jackson Street, #3N*  
*Tampa, Florida 33602*

*Jennifer Stinyard*  
*Director*

*4414 Atwood Drive*  
*Tampa, Florida 33610*

The number of Directors may be raised or lowered by amendment of the bylaws, but shall in no case be less than three (3). The manner of election shall be as provided by the bylaws.

#### **ARTICLE VII- BYLAWS**

The bylaws of the Corporation shall be made and adopted by the Board of Directors and may be amended, altered or rescinded by a majority of the entire Board of Directors present at any regular or special meeting called for that purpose.

#### **ARTICLE VIII- 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, dispose of all of the assets of the Corporation exclusively for the purpose of the Corporation by transferring such assets to any charitable, scientific, religious or educational organization as shall at the time qualify as an exempt organization or organizations under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Revenue Law), or to any governmental or other entities with purposes similar to the Corporation's, such disposition to be as the Board of Directors shall determine. Any assets remaining after such disposition by the Board of Directors shall be disposed of by the Circuit Court of the county in which the Corporation's principal offices are located, pursuant to the procedures for judicial dissolution, Florida Statutes Section 617.1431.

#### **ARTICLE IX - INCORPORATOR(S)**

The name(s) and address(es) of the Incorporator(s) of these Articles of Incorporation is(are) as follows:

**NAME**  
*Audley S. Evans*  
*President*

**ADDRESS**  
*1514 Union Street*  
*Tampa, Florida 33607*

### ARTICLE X - AMENDMENTS

Amendments to the Articles of Incorporation shall be adopted by a majority of the entire Board of Directors at any regular or special meeting called for that purpose.

IN WITNESS OF THE FOREGOING, I (we) hereby set my (our) hand(s) and seal this 8<sup>th</sup> day of MAY, 1996.

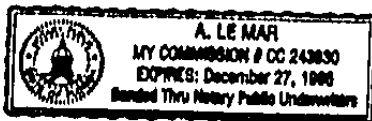
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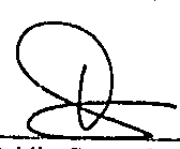
By: 

Audley S. Evans, President

STATE OF FLORIDA  
COUNTY OF HILLSBOROUGH

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this 8<sup>th</sup> day of MAY, 1996, by Audley S. Evans, and he executed the foregoing Articles of Incorporation as President of TAMPA EMPOWERMENT CORPORATION.



  
Notary Public, State of Florida  
Print, Type or Stamp Name

Personally Known ☒ Type of Identification Produced \_\_\_\_\_ Or Produced Identification \_\_\_\_\_

### CERTIFICATE

That *Tampa Empowerment Corporation*, desiring to organize under the laws of the State of Florida, with its principal office at 1514 Union Street, City of Tampa, County of Hillsborough, State of Florida 33607, has named Ricardo L. Gilmore, Esq., located at One Barnett Plaza, 101 East Kennedy Blvd., Suite 3200, City of Tampa, County of Hillsborough, State of Florida 33601, as its registered agent to accept service of process within this State.

### ACKNOWLEDGMENT

Having been named to accept service of process for the above-named Corporation, at the place designated in this Certificate the undersigned agrees to act in this capacity and agrees to comply with the provisions of Florida law relative to keeping designated office open.

  
RICARDO L. GILMORE, ESQ.