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Division of Corporations
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SUBJECT: ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF VIETNAMESE AMERICANS, INC.
(Proposed corporate name - must include suffix)

Enclosed is an original and one(1) copy of the articles of incorporation and a check for :

☐ \$70.00
Filing Fee

☒ \$78.75
Filing Fee
& Certificate

☐ \$122.50
Filing Fee
& Certified Copy

☐ \$131.25
Filing Fee,
Certified Copy
& Certificate

FROM: CHRISTIAN CHINH XUAN TRINH
Name (Printed or typed)

4101 21ST STREET NORTH
Address

SAINT PETERSBURG, FLORIDA 33714
City, State & Zip

(813) 528-0559
Daytime Telephone number

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



FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE
Sandra B. Mortham
Secretary of State

May 7, 1996

CHRISTIAN CHINH XUAN TRINH
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SAINT PETERSBURG, FL 33714

SUBJECT: ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF VIETNAMESE-
AMERICANS, INC.
Ref. Number: W96000009755

We have received your document for ASSOCIATION FOR THE
ADVANCEMENT OF VIETNAMESE-AMERICANS, INC. and check(s) totalling
\$78.75. However, the enclosed document has not been filed and is being
returned to you for the following reason(s):

Section 607.0120(6)(b), or 617.0120(6)(b), Florida Statutes, requires that articles
of incorporation be executed by an incorporator.

Please return your document, along with a copy of this letter, within 60 days or
your filing will be considered abandoned.

If you have any questions concerning the filing of your document, please call
(904) 487-6925.

Brenda Baker
Corporate Specialist

Letter Number: 496A00022289

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SUBJECT: ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF VIETNAMESE-AMERICANS, INC.

Ref. Number W96000009755 (Letter Number: 496A00022289)

FROM: Christian Chinh Xuan Trinh *CT*
4101 21st Street North
Saint Petersburg, Florida 33714
Daytime Telephone number: (813) 528-0559

NOTE: The original and one copy of the articles are enclosed.

DATE: May 22, 1996

ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

The undersigned, acting as incorporate(s) of a corporation pursuant to chapter 617, Florida Statutes, adopt(s) the following Articles of Incorporation:

ARTICLE I

Name

The name of the corporation shall be:

ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF VIETNAMESE-AMERICANS, INC.

The period of duration is perpetual and the corporation shall have members.

ARTICLE II

Principal place of business and mailing address

The principal office and mailing address of this association shall be:

4101 21st Street North, Saint Petersburg, Pinellas County, Florida 33714

The association may have other such offices, either within or without the county of Pinellas, as the Board of Directors may determine or as the affairs of the association may require from time to time.

ARTICLE III

Purpose(s)

This corporation is organized and will be operated exclusively for charitable and educational purposes, including but not limited to assisting public and private agencies in meeting the needs of Vietnamese refugees and Vietnamese-American citizens, and educating the general public about the situation of Vietnamese refugees and the contributions of Vietnamese-Americans. The specific educational and charitable purposes for which the corporation is organized are as follows:

1. To reunite the Vietnamese refugees and Vietnamese-American citizens within the United States of America and especially in Florida, to assist them to improve themselves and attain their goals, and to promote and maintain the Vietnamese cultural heritage while encouraging social integration into American society.
2. To provide information, public education, and services for Vietnamese refugees/new immigrants, and public information on both domestic and international refugee, resettlement, and anti-discrimination issues, policy, and programs.

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3. To promote the economic, social, educational, cultural, political, and physical development of the Vietnamese-American population in the United States.
4. To promote better understanding and cooperation among Vietnamese, other ethnic groups and the mainstream in the United States.

ARTICLE IV **Manner of election of directors**

The number of directors constituting the initial Board of Directors is seven (7), and the names and addresses, including street number, of the persons who are to serve as the initial directors until the first annual meeting, or until successors be elected and qualified, are:

Initial Board of Directors

1. Phil Cao, B.S.
Electrical Engineering
7310 9th Street North
St. Petersburg, Florida 33702
2. My Lien Dao, Ph.D.
Molecular Biologist
4101 21st Street North
St. Petersburg, Florida 33714
3. Hiep T. Pham, M.D.
Gerontology
16404 Shagbarg Pl.
Tampa, Florida 33618
4. Tu Nguyen, M.D.
Family Medicine
600 76th Avenue North, Apt. 219
St. Petersburg, Florida 33702
5. Jamie Mai Sau, B.A.
Business Administration/Finance
4280 67th Avenue North
Pinellas Park, Florida 34665
6. Christian Chinh Xuan Trinh, B.A.
Education and French Literature
4101 21st Street North
St. Petersburg, Florida 33714

7. Sally Watson, M.S.
Microbiologist
3901 Beach Drive Southeast
St. Petersburg, Florida 33705

The Members of the Board of Directors shall be those individuals elected, from time to time, in accordance with the bylaws.

ARTICLE V

Limitation of corporate powers

The corporate powers of this corporation are provided in section 617.0302, Florida Statutes, unless limited as follows:

1. This corporation shall not engage in any act prohibited to a corporation exempt from tax under Section 501(c)(3) and any time this corporation is a private foundation within the meaning of section 509(a), it shall distribute its income each taxable year under Section 4942 and shall be prohibited from engaging in any act of self-dealing [as defined in Section 4941(d)], from retaining any excess business holdings [as defined in Section 4943(c)], from making any investments in such manner as to subject the foundation to tax under Section 4944, and from making any taxable expenditures [as defined in Section 4945(d)]. All references to sections in these Articles are to the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 as amended and to comparable sections of subsequent internal revenue laws.

2. No part of the net earnings of this corporation shall inure to the benefit of or be distributable to any director, employee, or other individual, partnership, estate, trust, or corporation having a personal or private interest in the corporation. Compensation for services actually rendered and reimbursement for expenses actually incurred in attending to the affairs of this corporation shall be limited to reasonable amounts. This corporation shall not carry on propaganda or otherwise attempt to influence legislation to an extent that would disqualify it for tax exemption under section 501(c)(3), and this corporation shall not participate in or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements) political campaigns on behalf of any candidate for public office. Notwithstanding any other provision of these Articles or of any bylaws adopted thereunder, this corporation shall not take any action not permitted by the Laws which then apply to this corporation.

3. The internal affairs of the corporation shall be regulated by its Board of Directors as described by the bylaws. Upon dissolution of the corporation, its assets shall be disposed of exclusively for the purpose of the corporation or distributed to such organizations organized and operated exclusively for charitable or educational purposes as shall, at the time, qualify as exempt organizations under Section 501(c)(3).

4. The corporation shall have members. Members of the corporation shall be required to meet the following qualifications: Members shall be eighteen (18) years of age or older, interested in the social welfare and justice of Vietnamese refugees/immigrants and Vietnamese-American citizens. Persons meeting such qualifications will be admitted to membership only upon written application approved by the board of Directors, however, under no circumstances shall any applicant for membership be discriminated against because of his/her race, color, creed, national origin, religion, or sex.

ARTICLE VI

Initial registered agent and street address

The name and street address of the initial registered agent is:

Christian Chinh Xuan Trinh
4101 21st Street North
Saint Petersburg, FL 33714
Phone: (813) 527-2232
Fax: (813) 521-3132

The Board of Directors may from time to time change the registered office to any other address in the State of Florida or change the registered agent.

ARTICLE VII

Incorporators


The name(s) and street address(es) of the incorporator(s) for these articles of incorporation is(are):

1. My Lien Dao, Ph.D.
Molecular Biologist
4101 21st Street North
St. Petersburg, Florida 33714

2. Phil Cao, B.S.
Electrical Engineering
7310 9th Street North
St. Petersburg, Florida 33702
3. Jamie Mai Sau, B.A.
Business Administration/Finance
4280 67th Avenue North
Pinellas Park, Florida 34665
4. Christian Chinh Xuan Trinh, B.A.
Education and French Literature
4101 21st Street North
St. Petersburg, Florida 33714

The undersigned incorporator has executed these Articles of Incorporation this 21st day
of May, 1996.

Signature of Incorporator:



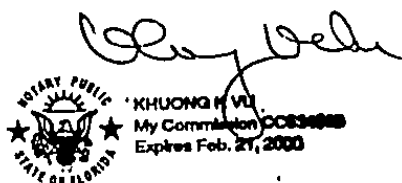
Christian Chinh Xuan Trinh

Typed name of Incorporator signing

STATE OF FLORIDA)
COUNTY OF PINELLAS)

Signed before me this 21st day of May 1996

Christian Chinh Xuan Trinh personally known to me.



**CERTIFICATE OF DESIGNATION OF
REGISTERED AGENT/REGISTERED OFFICE**

PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 617.0501, FLORIDA STATUTES, THE UNDERSIGNED CORPORATION, ORGANIZED UNDER THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA, SUBMITS THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT IN DESIGNATING THE REGISTERED OFFICE/REGISTERED AGENT, IN THE STATE OF FLORIDA.

1. The name of the corporation is:

ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF VIETNAMESE-AMERICANS, INCORPORATED
(must include suffix)

2. The name and address of the registered agent and office is:

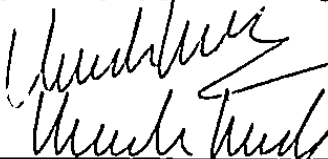
CHRISTIAN CHINH XUAN TRINH
(NAME)

4101 21ST STREET NORTH
(P.O. Box or Mail Drop Box **NOT** ACCEPTABLE)

SAINT PETERSBURG, FLORIDA 33714
(CITY/STATE/Zip)

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SECRETARY OF STATE
TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA

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.



(SIGNATURE)

May 21st, 1996
April 30, 1996
(DATE)

STATE OF FLORIDA)
COUNTY OF PINELLAS)

Signed before me this 21st day of May 1996
Christian Chinh Xuan Trinh, personally known
to me.



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My Commission Expires Feb. 21, 2000