

# Department of Environmental Protection

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Mr. David Munn, Director  
Division of Corporations  
Department of State  
Post Office Box 6327  
Tallahassee, Florida 32314

Dear Mr. Mann:

This letter is to certify to you that Fort Mose Historical Society: African American Community of Freedom is a duly authorized citizen support organization which is under contract to provide support for the Division of Recreation and Parks in accordance with Section 258.015, F.S.

Sincerely,

*Fran P. Mainella*

Fran P. Mainella, CLP  
Director  
Division of Recreation and Parks

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ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF  
FORT MOSE HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
AFRICAN AMERICAN COMMUNITY OF FREEDOM, INC.  
(a corporation not for profit)

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WE, the undersigned, with other persons being desirous of forming a corporation for charitable and educational purposes under the provisions of Chapter 617 of the Florida Statutes, do agree to the following:

ARTICLE I

Corporate Name

The name of this corporation is FORT MOSE HISTORICAL SOCIETY: AFRICAN AMERICAN COMMUNITY OF FREEDOM, INC.

ARTICLE II

The initial street address and mailing address of the initial principal office is 1340A A1A South, St. Augustine, FL 32084.

ARTICLE III

Purposes

This is a non-profit corporation organized exclusively for public charitable and educational purposes under Section 501 (c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future Federal Tax Code. Specifically this non-profit corporation is organized to function as a citizen support organization for Fort Mose National Landmark located at St. Augustine, St. Johns County, Florida, in order to generate and employ additional resources and support for and in the best interest of the site through events and activities, including, but not necessarily limited to the following: work for the preservation, protection, and interpretation of the Fort Mose site and interpret the significance of the Fort Mose community for present and future generations, special work projects, special programs,

special events, outreach programs, educational activities and communications, special exhibits, interpretive programs, fund raising activities and events, and guided tours as well as those activities or events which are designed to meet any additional needs of the FORT MOSE HISTORICAL SOCIETY, AFRICAN AMERICAN COMMUNITY OF FREEDOM, INC

#### ARTICLE IV

##### Duration

This corporation shall exist perpetually from the date it is filed with the Department of State, unless sooner dissolved voluntarily or by law.

#### ARTICLE V

##### Management of Corporate Affairs

The powers of this Corporation shall be exercised, its properties controlled, and its affairs conducted by a Board of Directors. The Board of Directors shall be elected as set forth in the By-Laws of the Corporation. The initial number of directors of this Corporation shall be nine (9), provided however, that such number may be changed by a majority vote of the membership. The directors hereinafter named shall hold office until the first annual meeting. The names and addresses of such initial directors are as follows:

#### ARTICLE VI

##### Resident Agent and Office

The street address of the initial registered office is 1340A A1A South, St. Augustine, FL 32084 and the name of the initial registered agent at such address is Michael Bryant.

#### ARTICLE VII

##### Membership

The Board of Directors of the Corporation shall have the power to admit members to the

Corporation in such manner, subject to such qualifications, and upon such terms and conditions as may be provided from time to time in the By-Laws of the Corporation

#### ARTICLE VIII

##### Amendment of By-Laws

By-Laws of this Corporation may be made, altered, rescinded or added to by a majority vote of the Membership present and entitled to vote thereon at any duly called membership meeting of the Corporation upon 30 days notice of the proposed amendments.

#### ARTICLE IX

##### Amendments of Articles

Amendments to these Articles of Incorporation may be made by a majority vote of the Membership present and entitled to vote thereon at any duly called membership meeting of the Corporation.

#### ARTICLE X

##### Dedication of Assets

The property of this Corporation is irrevocably dedicated to educational and charitable purposes as set forth above, and no part of the net income or assets of this corporation shall ever enure to the benefit of any director, officer or member thereof, or to the benefit of any private individual.

#### ARTICLE XI

##### Earnings and Activities of Corporation

(a) No part of the net earnings of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its members, trustees, 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 III hereof.

(b) 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

(c) Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, 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 1954 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law) or (b) by a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under Section 170 (c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law

(d) Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, this Corporation shall not, except to an insubstantial degree, engage in any activities or exercise any powers that are not in furtherance of the purpose of this Corporation.

## ARTICLE XII

### Distribution of Assets

Upon 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 purposes of the Corporation in such manner, or to such organization or organizations organized and operated exclusively for charitable, education, religious, or scientific purposes as shall at the time qualify as an exempt organization or organizations under Section 501 (c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law), as the Board of Directors shall determine. Any such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by a Court of competent jurisdiction in the county in which the principal office of

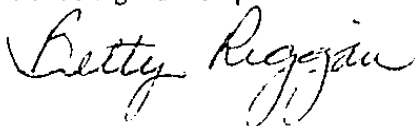
the Corporation is then located, exclusively for such purposes or to such organization or organizations as such Court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purpose

#### ARTICLE XIII

The names and residence addresses of the Subscribers of this Corporation are as follows:

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| Michael Bryant<br>844 White Eagle Circle<br>St. Augustine, FL 32086                            | Carrie Johnson<br>P.O. Box 5025<br>St. Augustine, FL 32085        | John Reardon<br>80 Lincoln St.<br>St. Augustine, FL 32084                   |
| Thomas Bryant III<br>8 Christopher St.<br>St. Augustine, FL 32095                              | Errol D. Jones<br>60 Palmer St.<br>St. Augustine, FL 32095        | Nadia Reardon<br>80 Lincoln St.<br>St. Augustine, FL 32084                  |
| Sandy Craig<br>P.O. Box 860094<br>St. Augustine, FL 32086                                      | Lorenzo Laws<br>P.O. Box 904<br>St. Augustine, FL 32085           | Rev. F.D. Richardson<br>84 Benedict St.<br>St. Augustine, FL 32084          |
| Paul E. Crawford<br>Anastasia St. Rec. Area<br>1340A A1A South<br>St. Augustine, FL 32084      | Otis Mason<br>13 Christopher<br>St. Augustine, FL 32095           | Betty Riggan<br>42 Water St.<br>St. Augustine, FL 32084                     |
| Kathleen Deagan<br>FL Museum of Nat. History<br>University of Florida<br>Gainesville, FL 32601 | David Nolan<br>30 Park Terrace Drive<br>St. Augustine, FL 32084   | Evelyn Vazquez<br>SJCVCB<br>88 Riberia St., #250<br>St. Augustine, FL 32084 |
| Richard Frazier<br>1 Red Top Ca.<br>Palm Coast, FL 32164                                       | Susan Parker<br>HSAPB<br>P.O. Box 1987<br>St. Augustine, FL 32085 | Richard L. White<br>1255 Ponce Island Dr.<br>St. Augustine, FL 32095        |
| Lance Hatten<br>453 Wildwood Dr.<br>St. Augustine, FL 32086                                    | Edwin Patterson<br>1029 Dorado Dr.<br>St. Augustine, FL 32086     | Clarence Williams<br>243 Marius Ct.<br>St. Augustine, FL 32086              |
| Thomas Jackson<br>917 Chippewa St.<br>St. Augustine, FL 32086                                  | Ida Patterson<br>1029 Dorado Dr.<br>St. Augustine, FL 32086       | Mildred Williams<br>243 Marius Ct.<br>St. Augustine, FL                     |

The undersigned incorporator has executed these Articles of Incorporation this 26th day of June, 1996.



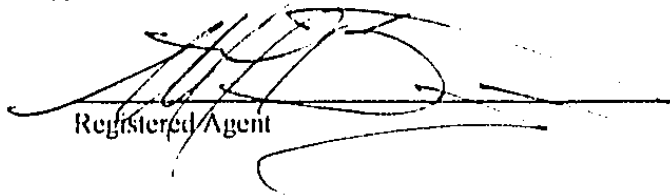
Betty Riggan, Secretary

CERTIFICATE DESIGNATING AGENT UPON WHOM PROCESS MAY BE SERVED  
AND THE PLACE OF BUSINESS OR DOMICILE FOR  
THE SERVICE OF PROCESS WITHIN THE STATE OF FLORIDA

In pursuance of Section 48.091 and Section 607.034 (3), Florida Statutes, the following is submitted in compliance with said sections

FORT MOSE HISTORICAL SOCIETY AFRICAN AMERICAN COMMUNITY OF FREEDOM, INC' desiring to organize under the laws of the State of Florida with its principal office as indicated in the Certificate of Incorporation, at St. Augustine, County of St. Johns and the State of Florida, has named Michael Bryant as its registered agent to accept service of process within this state, who is located at 1340A A1A South, St. Augustine, FL 32085.

Having been named as the registered agent for the above Corporation for the purpose of accepting service of process at the registered office designated in this certificate, I hereby accept such appointment and agree to act in such capacity. I agree to comply with the provisions of said sections relative to keeping open the registered office.



Registered Agent

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