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#### ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

The undersigned, acting as incorporator(s) of a corporation; pursuant to Chapter 617, Florida Statutes, adopt(s) the following articles of incorporation for such corporation.

#### ARTICLE I

The name of the corporation is:

100 BLACK MEN and WOMEN UNITED for JUSTICE Incorporated, a corporation not for profit

and the initial principal address of the corporation is:

716 N. 19th Street Palatka, Florida 32177

#### ARTICLE II

The ocmiod of duration of this corporation is:

Perpetual, unless dissolved according to law. Corporate existence shall commence upon filing of these articles of incorporation with the State of Florida.

### ARTICLE III

The purpose or purposes for which this corporation is organized are exclusively charitable, educational, social and economic, and will consist of the following: to foster the principles of citizens rights and justice.

- A. The specific and primary purposes are:
  - Form a committed group of individuals throughout the county to address the numerous challenges in Putnam County regarding the issues of citizen rights and responsibilities.
  - 2. To establish an environment of mutual respect and cooperation throughout the community with governmental agencies, organizations and businesses that serve the community.
  - 3. To improve the quality of life for said families by sponsoring activities that will clear up misconceptions and misunderstandings, while facilitating forums that deal with unfairness and injustice, and sponsoring activities that provide opportunities for productivity, self-improvement and self-determination.

- 4. To do any and all lawful activities which may be necessary, useful or desirable for the furtherance, accomplishment, fostering, or attaining of the foregoing purposes, either directly or indirectly, and either alone in conjunction or cooperation with others, whether such others be persons or organizations of any kind or nature, such as corporations, firms, associations, trusts, institutions, foundations, or governmental bureaus, departments or agencies.
- 5. To conduct voter education activities and public forums conducted in a non-partisan manner.
- 6. To promote American ideals, and foster the best interests of the people. To further the common welfare and well-being of the community, without limitations or provisions restricting the accomplishment of such in a charitable manner.
- 7. To create a county wide Youth Council with representatives from all churches. Said Council will address all issues and concerns challenging today's youth, providing them an opportunity to establish a realistic and solid foundation of freedom and responsibility.
- B. In furtherance, but not in limitation of the foregoing charitable, educational and scientific purposes, the Corporation shall have the following powers:
  - (1) To solicit, collect and receive money and other assets, and to administer funds and contributed received by grant, gift, deed, bequest or devise, and otherwise to acquire money, securities, property, rights and services of every kind and description, and to hold, invest, expend, contribute, use, sell or otherwise dispose of any money, securities, property, rights or services so acquired for the purpose above mentioned.
  - (2) To borrow money, and to make, accept, endorse, execute and issue bonds, debentures, promissory notes, and other corporate obligations for monies borrowed, or in payment for property acquired or for any of the purposes of the Corporation, and to secure payment of any such obligations by mortgage, pledge, deed, indenture agreement or other instrument of trusts, or by other lien upon, assignment of or agreement in regard to all or any part of the property, rights or privileges of the corporation.

- (3) To exercise all rights and powers conferred upon corporations formed under the General Nonprofit Corporation Laws of the State of Florida, provided, however, that the Corporation shall not engage in any activities or exercise any powers, including those specifically mentioned herein, that are not in furtherance of the specific and primarily charitable, educational and scientific purposes of the Corporation.
- C. All of the fore,oing purposes and powers shall be exercised exclusively for charitable and educational purposes in such manner that the Corporation shall qualify as an exempt organization under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 as it is currently and shall bereafter be in force and effect.

# ARTICLE IV (Restrictions)

No substantial part of the activities of the Corporation shall consist of the carrying on of propaganda or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the Corporation shall not participate in, or intervene in, any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office. Notwithstanding any other provisions of these Articles, the Corporation shall not carry on by a corporation exempt from federal and state income taxes under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 as the same may be amended from time to time.

ARTICLE V (Initial Registered Agent and Street Address)

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

Rev. Amos Murray Jr.

and the street address of the registered agent is:

716 N. 19th Street Palatka, Florida 32177

## ARTICLE VI (Incorporators)

The names and addresses of the Incorporators signing these articles are:

Robert Burch P. O. Box 1102 Last Palatka, FL 32131 Alvin Levain 622 N. 6th Street Palatka, FL 32177

Lawrence Hutcherson P. O. Box 2186 Palatka, FL 32178-2186 Abram Alexander P. U. Box 226 Palatka, FL 32178-0226

## ARTICLE VII (Board of Directors)

The number of members constituting the initial Board of Directors of the corporation is thirteen (13). The number of directors may be either increased or decreased from time to time by the Bylaws but in no event shall there be less than seven (7).

### Elections:

The Board of directors shall be elected by the existing membership at the annual meeting. All committee members shall be elected bi-annually.

### ARTICLE VIII

### Officers:

The legal affairs of the corporation shall be managed by the officers who shall be elected at the annual meeting each year to serve for the specified term. The officers of the corporation shall serve until their respective successors in office shall be elected and duly qualified.

The names and address of the officers are :

Rev. Amos Murray Jr., President 716 N. 19th Street Palatka, Florida 32177

Rev. James McGriff, Vice-President Rt. 6, Box 501 Palatka, Florida 32177 Rev. Lemon Nixon, Treasurer P. O. Box 852 Palatka, Florida 32178-0852

Lawrence Hutcherson, Secretary P. O. Box 2186 Palatka, Florida 32178-2186

Rev. Lenzy Jordan, Chaplain 223 S. 13th Street Palatka, Florida 32177

Ruth Murray, Financial Secretary 716 N. 19th Street Palatka, Florida 32177

Lorenzo Brown, Sergeant at Arms 208 S. 13th Street Palatka, Florida 32177

ARTICLE IX

### Revenue:

No part of the new 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 III hereof. The corporation shall not in any way, directly or indirectly, carry on propaganda or otherwise attempt to influence legislation, or participate or intervene in any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office, by publishing or distributing statements or otherwise. Notwithstanding any other provisions 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 further United States Revenue Law).

Upon the dissolution of the corporation, the Board of Directors shall after paying or making provision for the disposal of the liabilities of the corporation, for the purposes of the corporation in such manner, or to such organization or organizations organized and operated exclusively for charitable, educational, 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 assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by the Circuit Court 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.

Dated this 20 day of \_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_, 19<u>96</u> IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned being the incorporator(s) of this corporation have executed these Articles of Incorporation.

ACCEPTANCE BY 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 agree to act in this capacity, and I further agree to comply with the provisions of all statues relative to the proper and complete performance of my duties, and I accept the duties and obligations of Section 607.32L Florida Statutes.

> (Registered Agent) Rev. Amos Murray Jr.

716 N. 19th Street

Palatka, Florida 32177

MY COMMISSION # CC584385 EXPIRES October 19, 2000 SONORS THRU TROY FAIN INSURANCE, INC.