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#### CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION

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## <u>NIA GROUP, INC.</u> A FLORIDA NOT-FOR-PROFIT CORPORATION

The undersigned, acting as the incorporator of a not for profit corporation under the Florida Not For Profit Corporation Act, as set forth in Chapter 617 of the Florida Statutes, as amended, adopts the following Articles of Incorporation for such Corporation:

#### ARTICLE I: NAME

The name of the Corporation shall be: <u>NIA GROUP, INC.</u> hereinafter referred to as the "Corporation".

#### ARTICLE IL: PRINCIPAL OFFICE AND MAILING ADDRESS

The address of the principal office and mailing address of the Corporation is 13599 BISCAYNE BOULEVARD, SUITE 144, NORTH MIAMI, FLORIDA 33181.

#### ARTICLE III: DURATION

The period of duration of the Corporation shall be perpetual unless dissolved according to law.

#### ARTICLE IV: PURPOSES

The Corporation is organized and operated exclusively for charitable and educational purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended. The goals of the organization shall be accomplished through active community service activities in the public school system and the communities of those schools.

Not-withstanding any other provision 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 the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law), or (ii) by a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under Section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law).

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#### ARTICLE V: RESTRICTIONS ON ACTIVITIES

No substantial part of the activities of this corporation shall consist of the currying on of propaganda or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, nor shall this corporation participate in or intervene in (including the publishing or distributing of statements) any political campaign on behalf of (or in opposition to) any candidate for public office.

#### ARTICLE VI: MEMBERSHIP

The corporation shall be a membership organization composed of those persons hereinafter listed as the initial board of directors and all other persons or organizations elected/selected for membership as provided in the bylaws.

#### ARTICLE VII: REGISTERED OFFICE AND AGENT

The Corporation's registered office shall be located at 13898 BISCAYNE BOULEVARD, SUITE 144, NORTH MIAMI, FLORIDA 33181, and MARK A. JACKSON is the registered agent of the Corporation at that address.

#### ARTICLE VIII: BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The initial Board of Directors shall consist of three (3) paraons. The number of directors may be increased or decreased from time to time by an amendment to the bylaws; however, there shall never be less than three directors. All directors shall be selected as provided for in the bylaws.

#### ARTICLE IX: OFFICERS

The officers of the Corporation shall be a President, Vice President, Secretary, Treacurer, and such other officers as may be provided by the bylaws.

#### **ARTICLE X: AMENDMENTS**

These Articles of Incorporation may be amended at any regular or special meeting of the Board of Directors by a majority vote of those present; provided that notice of the intention to submit amendments shall have been given as provided by the bylaws.

#### ARTICLE XI: DISTRIBUTION OF ASSETS UPON DISSOLUTION

The property of this corporation is irrevocably dedicated to charitable and educational purposes and no part of the net income or assets of this corporation shall ever inure to the benefit

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of any director, officer, or member thereof or to the banefit of any private person. Upon dissolution or winding up of the corporation, its assets remaining after payment, or provision for payment, of all debts and liabilities of this corporation shall be distributed to a nonprofit fund, foundation or corporation which is organized and operated exclusively for charitable and educational purposes and which has established its tax exempt status under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

#### ARTICLE XIII: INCORPORATORS

The incorporator of the Corporation is as follows:

MARK A. JACKSON 13899 BISCAYNE BOULEVARD **SUITE 144** NORTH MIAMI, FLORIDA 33181

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I. MARK A. JACKSON ... the undersigned incorporator to these Articles of Incorporation, have affixed pur appatures thereto on be. 3. 1998.

JACKSON

STATE OF FLORIDA COUNTY OF DADE

The foregoing instrument was swom to before me this Aday of Decarte, 1996, by MARK A. JACKSON, who personally appeared before me at the time of notarization, and who are personally known to me or have produced a Florida Driver's License as identification.

**NOTARY PUBLIC:** 

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### CERTIFICATE DESIGNATING PLACE OF BUSINESS OR DOMICILE FOR THE SERVICE OF PROCESS WITHIN THIS STATE, NAMING AGENT UPON WHOM PROCESS MAY BE SERVED.

Pursuant to the provisions of Sections 48.091 and 617.0501, Florida Statues, the following is submitted in compliance with said Acts:

First—That NIA GROUP, INC., desiring to organize under the laws of the State of Florida with its principal office, as indicated in the Articles of Incorporation at City of NORTH MIAMI.

County of DADE., State of FLORIDA., has named MARK A. JACKSON. located at 13899

BISCAYNE BOULEVARD, SUITE 144. in the City of NORTH MIAMI. County of DADE., State of Florida, as its agent to accept service of process within this state.

-Acouptance of Agent-

ACKNOWLEDGMENT:

Having been named to accept service of process for the above stated corporation, at the place designated in this certificate, I hereby accept to act in this capacity, and agree to comply with the provisions of said Act relative to keeping open said office.

BY:

MARK A. VACKEON

DATED.

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