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Department of State Division of Corporations P.O. Box 6327 Tallahassee, FI 32314

Dear Sr.

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Enclosed are the documents, Articles of Incorporation and By-Laws to be filed for "LA CONEXION HISPANA". We are also including a check for \$131.25 covering filing fees, certified copy & certificate.

If you need any further information please call

Register Agent:

Elsa Gibbons
The Center for Minority Human Services Providers Inc.

301 Broadway Suite 300 Riviera Beach, Florida 33404

Ph (561) 845-2367

You can also call me, Luz Benitez at (561) 753-4499 (H) or (561) 478-1400 (W).

Sincerely,

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FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE Sandra B. Mortham Secretary of State

October 31, 1997

MRS. LUZ E. DENITEZ DELGADO, PRESIDENT P.O. BOX 18887 WEST PALM BEACH, FL 33416-8887

SUBJECT: LA CONEXION HISPANA INC.

Ref. Number: W97000014195

We have received your document for LA CONEXION HISPANA INC. and your check(s) totaling \$. However, the enclosed document has not been filed and is being returned for the following correction(s):

The registered agent designated in your document is not an active entity according to our records. Please reinstate this entity (call (850) 487-6059 for information) or designate another entity that is active according to our records.

Please return the original and one copy of 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 (850) 487-6933.

Dana Calloway Document Specialist

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NONPROFIT ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

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ARTICLES I (Name)

The name of this Corporation shall be THE HISPANIC CONNECTION INC.

ARTICLES II (Principal place of business)

The principal place of business and mailing address of this Corporation shall be P.O. BOX 17144 West Palm Beach, Florida, 33407.

ARTICLES III (Goals and Objectives)

- 1. To provide adequate Social Services to Hispanic/Latino and indigenous communities in Palm Beach County. To maintain the interagency group "The Hispanic Connection" informed of all programs and services available in the County by providing Semi-Annual Conferences. To keep Hispanic/Latinos and Indigenous professionals connected by providing a semi-annual Service Directory Guide called "La Conexion Hispana Directory" Spanish translation for THE HISPANIC CONNECTION.
- 2. Said organization is organized exclusively for human services charitable, professional, educational, and scientific purposes, including for such purposes as, the distributions of information, to have and to exercise all the power necessary or convent to effect the objects for which is formed, and to in general to have and exercise all powers conferred by the State of Florida upon corporations created under Florida's Laws as they maybe or are hereafter amended.
- 3. The foregoing enumeration of the objectives, purposes and power of the organization is not intended to, and does not prohibit or limit the exercise of any other further rigths or powers which may not or hereafter be allowed or permitted by law to the organization, provided however, that all gifts and bequests to the organization shall be in used in the United States of America and or any other Latin American country for the charitable and educational purposes for which this organization was formed.

The organization will establish professional relationship with organizations that qualify as exempt organizations under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code and any other organization(s) or individual(s) that could help us reach said purposes.

No part of the net earning of the organization shall inure to the benefit of, or be disburse to its members, trustees, officers or other private persons, except that the organization shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payment and distributions in furtherance of the purpose set forth in the purpose clause hereof.

- 4. No substantial part of the activities of the organization shall be carried on of propaganda, or other attempting to influence legislation, and the organization 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.
- Notwithstanding any other provision of this document, the organization shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by an organization exempt from federal income tax under the section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or (b) by an organization, contribution to which are deductible under section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code.
- 6. Upon the dissolution of the organization, assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of the section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any further federal tax code, or shall be distributed to the federal government, or to the state or local government, for public purpose.
- 7. Any such assets not disposed of shall be disposed of by the Court of Common Pleas of the county in which the principal office of the organization is 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.

ARTICLE IV Board of Directors.

The Board of Directors shall consist initially of the subscribers to these Articles of Incorporation who shall serve until a Board is constituted in accordance to the By Laws. As soon as practical hereafter the subscribers shall meet the manner chosen and manner of filling vacancies. The Board of Directors shall never be less than three(3).

The officers of the corporation shall also be the Officers of the Board of Directors. The officers shall be President, Secretary and Treasurer, and such officers as may be provided in the By-Laws. The names and address of the officers who will serve until the next election by the Board

of Directors are listed below.

1.	Luz E. Benitez Delgado	President
2.	Juan D. Velez	Treasurer
3.	Guadalupe Mendez	Secretary Executive Director
4.	Ida Fitz Quiñones	

Present address of the officers:

Executive Director Ida Fitz Quiñones

La Conexion Hispana

P.O. Box 17144

West Palm Beach, Fl 33404

President Luz E. Benitez Delgado

Comprehensive Aids Program 2580 Metrocentre Blvd, Ste # 1 West Palm Beach, Fl 33407

Tel: (561) 478-1400

Treasurer Juan D. Velez Health Service Representative

PBCPHU-Health Education. Risk Reduction

705 N. Olive

West Palm Beach, Fl. 33401

Tel: (651) 653-2389

Secretary Guadalupe Mendez PBCPHU-Health Education/Risk Reduction

1250 Southwinds Dr. Lantana, Fl 33460

Tel: (561) 547-6800

Election of Officers. Each member of the Board of Directors will be elected to serve in the Corporation according to the specification on the Corporate by-laws; election of officers will be done by ballot, unless otherwise specified in the Corporate by-laws, and during the Corporation Annual Board Meeting.

Resolution: The organization resolved, that the following persons are elected to the offices of this organization set opposite their respective names, to serve in accordance with the bylaws of this organization and the direction of the membership.

ARTICLE V Powers

This Corporation shall have all powers provided for Corporations not for profit by Chapter 617 of the Florida Statutes or corresponding provisions of any subsequent statutes.

General Powers. The business affairs of this Corporation shall be managed by the Board of Directors in accordance with these Articles of Incorporation and by-laws (attached) of this Corporation. The Board of Directors may, in the By Laws, provide for delegation of powers to an Executive Director or (committee).

ARTICLE VI Members

The membership of this corporation shall be open to all person who are active in promoting the purpose(s) of the corporation by using the services of the office and/or by participating in programs or actions organized by the corporation to promote issues of justice.

Membership shall not be restricted because of age, race, color, sex, or religious affiliation. For the purpose of providing a diversity of advisory talent, it is deemed important to have members with varied backgrounds. No member(s) shall be liable directly or indirectly for any act or omission in connection with the operation of the program of the corporation.

No limit is established for the number of members who can belong to the corporation.

ARTICLE VII

Amendments to Articles of Incorporation and By-Laws

These Articles of Incorporation may be amended by resolution adopted by the vote of two-thirds of the members duly called and convened at which a quorum is present. Provided that fifteen (15) days' advance notice of the amendment or amendments to be considered at such meeting shall have been given in writing by mail to each member prior to such meeting.

The By-laws may be amended in the following manner.

- (a) If notice of the character of the amendments proposed have been given in a notice of meeting, this by-laws may be altered or amended at any regular or special meeting of the Board by the affirmative vote of a majority of the Board of Directors.
- (b) If notice of the character of the amendments proposed has not been given in the written notice of the meeting, these by-laws may be altered or amended at any regular or special meeting of the Board by the affirmative vote of 2/3 of the Directors present and voting.

ARTICLE IX Dissolution.

In the event of dissolution of the corporation or winding up of its affairs, all of the assets of the corporation shall be distributed exclusively to other charitable, scientific, educational or social services organization; which then qualify under the provisions of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended and its regulations as they now exits or as they may hereafter be amended. No officer, director, officer, or private individual shall be entitled to share in the distribution of any of the assets upon such dissolution.

ARTICLE X

REGISTERED AGENT AND ADDRESS

The name and address of the registered agent is:

The Center for Minority Human Services Providers Inc. 301 Broadway, Suite 300, Riviera Beach Florida 33404. c/o Elsa Gibbons, Director.

CERTIFICATE OF DESIGNATION REGISTERED AGENT/REGISTERED OFFICE

Pursuant to the provisions of section 607.0501, Florida Statutes, the undersigned corporation, organized under the laws of the State of Florida, submits the following statements in designation the registered office/registered agent, in the state of Florida. The name of the Organization is: THE HISPANIC CONNECTION INC. The address of the registered agent and office is: The Center for Minority Human services Providers Inc. 301 Broadway Suite 300, @ The Port of Palm Beach Executive Offices, Riviera Beach Florida 33404. IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hands and seal this , 1997, for the purpose of forming this Corporation Not for Profit, under the laws of the State of Florida. Guadalupe Mendez, Secretary and witnessed by,

STATE OF FLORIDA

County of Palm Beach.

I HEREBY CERTIFY that before me, Luz E. Benitez Delgado, the undersigned authority.
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on this /9 day of May, 1997, personally appeared, Elsa
Gibbons, CMHSPI-CEO, to me well known to be the person described in and who executed
the foregoing Articles of Incorporation and she, after being by me first duly cautioned and
sworn upon oath, acknowledged to me that she executed and subscribed to the same freely
and voluntarily for the uses and purposes therein set forth

Luz E. Benitez Delgado, President

I, <u>Elsa Gibbons</u> HAVE 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 PROVISION OF ALL STATUTES RELATING TO THE PROPER AND COMPLETE PERFORMANCE OF MY DUTIES, AND I AM FAMILIAR WITH AND COMPLETE ACCEPT THE OBLIGATIONS OS MY POSITION AS REGISTERED AGENT.

lsa Gibbons

Director CMHSPI

ELSA GIBBONS
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