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SUBJECT: ODUDUWA DESCENDANTS OF TAMPA BAY, 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,
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& Certificate

ADDITIONAL COPY REQUIRED

FROM: OLA ODUWOLE
Name (Printed or typed)

9000-B N. FLORIDA AVE.
Address

TAMPA, FL. 33604
City, State & Zip

813-932-2155
Daytime Telephone number

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ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

The undersigned subscribers to these Articles of Incorporation, each competent to contract, hereby act as incorporators of an NOT-PROFIT CORPORATION pursuant to Chapter 617, Florida Statutes, as follows:

ARTICLE 1. NAME.

The name of the Corporation is: ODUDUWA DESCENDANTS OF TAMPA BAY, INC.

ARTICLE 2. PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS AND MAILING ADDRESS

The principal place of address and mailing address of this corporation is 9000-B North Florida Avenue, Tampa, Fl. 33604

ARTICLE 3. PURPOSE AND OBJECTIVES

1. To cherish, uphold and project the honor and dignity of Yoruba culture, language and tradition worldwide.
2. To promote and support democracy at all cost and to foster individual freedom.
3. To encourage and deliberate on issues paramount to the Yoruba people.
4. To preserve it as a nonpartisan organization / nonreligious organization.
5. To foster the economic empowerment of Yoruba
6. To undertake specific projects beneficial to Yoruba and aimed at enhancing our Development.
7. To work with other organizations inside and outside Nigeria to promote peace, stability, justice and unity while working actively for the promotion of Yoruba interest.
8. To engage in activities worldwide that promotes and ensures social justice, equity, opportunities and interests of Yoruba.
9. To work diligently to bridge the information gaps between the Yoruba and the world.
10. To establish a newsletter ("Omo Odua") the organ of Yoruba for information dissemination within Nigeria and the Yoruba Diaspora worldwide.
11. To establish a presence of Yoruba cultural activities in Tampa Bay Area.
12. To ensure the advancement of Yoruba traditional institution.
13. To raise funds.
14. To exercise all rights and powers conferred by the laws of the State of Florida upon nonprofit corporations.
15. To provide a forum of open discussion of all matters that relate to Yoruba people and the people of U. S.A.

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ARTICLE 4. MEMBERS.

Membership in the organization is open to every Yoruba Descendants in Tampa Bay area. The chapter will be affiliated to the national body of Egbe Omo Yoruba. Members shall be entitled to all rights and privileges and subject to all obligation deemed fit by the organization.

The Corporation shall have Voting Members, who shall be elected (and may be removed) by the Voting Members, and who shall have all the rights and privileges of members of the Corporation. The Bylaws may provide for non voting Members of one or more classes, who shall be admitted in such manners and who shall have such rights and privileges as are set forth in the Bylaws, but who shall not have the right to vote.

ARTICLE 5. REGISTERED AGENT AND OFFICE.

The registered agent is Ola G. Oduwole and the principal registered office is 9000-B N. Florida Avenue Tampa, Florida 33604.

ARTICLE 6. BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

The board of Directors who shall be elected based on the provisions of the Bylaws shall consist of 6 members. The names and addresses of the Board of Directors at present are:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>
Ola G. Oduwole	10652 3 rd Street N. Apt. #G St. Petersburg, Fl. 33716
Adeola Odusanya	9225 Hidden Water Circle, Riverview, Fl. 33569
Niyi Popoola	222 Pompano Drive, S. E. #F, St. Petersburg, Fl. 33705
Funmi Okuwobi	2405-A Lynn Lake Circle, St. Petersburg, Fl. 33712
Paul Momoh	222 Pompano Drive, S. E. St. #E, Petersburg, Fl. 33705
Perry G. Bolarinwa	11013 Springridge Drive Tampa, Florida 33624

The number of directors may be raised or lowered by amendment of the bylaws but shall in no case be less than three.

ARTICLE 7. OFFICERS.

The officers of the Corporation shall consist of the President, Vice President, General Secretary, Treasurer, Financial Secretary, Legal Affairs Secretary and Public Affairs Secretary. Other officers may be provided for in the Bylaws. Each officer shall be elected by the members (and may be removed by the members) at such time and in such manner as may be prescribed by the Bylaws. The name and address of each Officer of the Corporation are as follows:

<u>Title</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>
President	Ola G. Oduwole	10652 3 rd St. N. #G, St. Petersburg, Fl. 33716
Vice President	Adeola Odusanya	9225 Hidden Water Circle, Riverview, Fl. 33569
General Secretary	Niyi Popoola	222F Pompano Dr. SE, St. Petersburg, Fl. 33705
Secretary of Treasury	Funmi Okuwobi	2405A Lynn Lake Cir, St. Petersburg, Fl. 33712
Financial Secretary	Paul Momoh	222E Pompano Dr. SE, St. Petersburg, Fl. 33705
Secretary of Public Affairs	Perry G. Bolarinwa	11013 Springridge Drive Tampa, Florida 33624

ARTICLE 8. INCORPORATORS.

The names and addresses of the incorporators of this corporation are:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>
Ola G. Oduwole	10652 3 rd Street N. Apt. #G St. Petersburg, Fl. 33716
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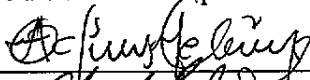
ARTICLE 9. CAPITAL STOCKS.

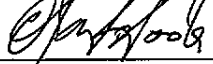
The Corporation is organized (and shall be operated) on a non stock basis within the meaning of the Florida Not For Profit Corporation Act, and shall not have the power to issue shares of any type or class of stock, but may issue membership certificates if so provided for in the bylaws.


Article 10. Tax and Political Statement

- a. The corporation is organized exclusively for charitable, social-cultural and educational purposes, including, for such purposes, the making of distributions to corporations that qualify as exempt corporations under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code.
- b. No part of the net earnings of the corporation shall be insuring to the benefit, of or, the distributable of 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 the purpose clause hereof.
- c. Notwithstanding any other provision of this document, 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, or corresponding section of any federal tax code, or (b) by a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code.
- d. Upon the dissolution of the corporation, assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or shall be distributed to the federal government, or to the state or local government, for a public purpose. 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 corporation is then located, exclusively for such purposes or not to such corporation or corporations, as said Court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned have signed these articles of Incorporation on this 20th day of June, 1998.







(Signatures of Incorporators)

CERTIFICATE OF DESIGNATION OF

REGISTERED AGENT/REGISTERED OFFICE

PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 607.0501 OR 617.0501, FLORIDA STATUTES, THE UNDERSIGNED CORPORATION, ORGANIZED UNDER THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA, SUBMIT THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT IN DESIGNATING THE REGISTERED OFFICE/REGISTERED AGENT, IN THE STATE OF FLORIDA.

- 1. The name of the corporation is: ODUDUWA DESCENDANTS OF TAMPA BAY, INC.**

The name and address of the registered agent and office are:

**Ola G. Oduwole
9000-B N. Florida Avenue
Tampa, FL. 33604**

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 I agree to comply with the provisions of all statutes relating to the proper and complete performance of my duties, and a familiar with and accept the obligations of my position as registered agent.

Dated 06/20/ 1998


Registered Agent

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