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SUBJECT: AMERICAN FEDERATION OF VEDIC COLLEGES AND SCHOOLS, 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
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☒ \$78.75
Filing Fee
& Certificate

☐ \$122.50
Filing Fee
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☐ \$131.25
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FROM:

RANDY I. STEIN

Name (Printed or typed)

934 N. UNIVERSITY DRIVE #102

Address

CONAL SPRINGS, FL 33071

City, State & Zip

(305) 326-6652

Daytime Telephone number

NOTE: Please provide the original and one copy of the articles.

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ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION OF THE AMERICAN FEDERATION OF VEDIC COLLEGES AND SCHOOLS, INC.

We, the undersigned, have joined for the purpose of creating a nonprofit association and we certify that:

Article I

The name of this Corporation is the American Federation of Vedic Colleges and Schools, Inc.

Article II

The principal office for the transaction of the business of this corporation is located at:

Address: 934 N. University Drive, #102

City: Coral Springs, Zip: 33071

County: Broward

State: Florida

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Article III

This Corporation is established for the purpose of developing Accreditation standards for a community of Vedic educational institutions whose sole purpose is to train students for Vedic religious work in the areas of ministry, religion, Vedic science, music, Vedic education, Vedic counseling, Vedic history, Vedic administration, Yoga, Vedic business & agriculture, Ayurvedic Medicine, Vedic philosophy, Sanskrit, Vedic communications/media, Vedic Astrology, and Vastu Science, etc.

The American Federation of Vedic Colleges and Schools, Inc. is the accrediting agency for religious collegiate institutions offering programs of education leading to degrees in Vedic disciplines. The primary concerns of the AFVCS is the improvement of educational quality, and assurance to the Vedic community that those institutions which are members, and whose degree programs are accredited by the AFVCS, have met the minimum criteria.

The American Federation of Vedic Colleges and Schools may also act as the accrediting agency for Vedic Primary and secondary educational Schools (Elementary schools, High Schools and Prep Schools). A separate division of this Association would be set up to handle this function, should the Federation undertake this mission.

The Corporation is a First Amendment Association which operates under the protection of the constitution of the United States.

The Federation seeks to require certain compliance standards with respect to the basic requirements for certain degree programs as found in the Federation's Charter, section nine, entitled Minimum compliance standards. This Corporation seeks to promote quality Vedic (Vedic) education by mutual agreement. All institutions are required to maintain a separation of religious institution and state.

This Federation advocates the upholding of reasonable standards of health, fire, safety and fraud laws by the member institutions. Each institution will further be held responsible for proper disclosure of the religious nature of their educational programs to the education department within their State of incorporation.

The Corporation has set forth principles as its Charter for the fulfilling of its mission. All members agree to abide by the principles of this Charter. (Charter is attached as item #1)

All members of this Association must fully agree with and act in accordance with the Association's Common Statement of Faith, which is the following:

- A. We accept the Vedic Scriptures are the infallible, revealed teachings of the Supreme Personality of Godhead. The Vedic scriptures include the four Vedas, the Upanisads, the eighteen Puranas, and the Itihasas (historical works) such as the Mahabharata , Bhagavad-gita and Ramayana.
- B. We also accept, on the same level of scriptural authority, approved literatures in pursuance of the Vedic version, such as the works of the six Goswamis of Vrndavana, the works of, Ramanuja Acharya, Madhvacarya, Nimbarka Swami, Vishnu Swami, Baladeva Vidyabhusana, Krsna dasa Kaviraja Goswami, Vrindaban das Thakkur, Bhaktivinode Thakkur, A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada and Sripad Sankhara.
- C. The goal of life is to develop ones love for God, and become free from the cycle of Samsara.
- D. The ultimate authority for understanding Vedic literature, and thus ascertaining the goal of life and the nature of God, the absolute truth, as well as for properly evaluating the authority of any philosophy or religious scripture, is the word and teaching of the Vedic Scriptures and validated by Guru, Sadhu and Sastra per the teaching of the respective Sampradaya.

Article IV

The method of election of directors will be stated in the bylaws of this corporation. The death, removal, or resignation of any member of this Corporation shall not result in the dissolution of this Corporation.

Article V

The general management of the affairs of this Corporation shall be under the control, supervision, and direction of an Administrative Board of Directors, which shall initially have six members, and may be expanded up to a limit of eleven members.

Educational Institutions desiring to affiliate with the AFVCS must make application and follow the criteria and procedures leading toward membership. Once accepted as members they are fully recognized as accredited by this Association. Institutional members are non voting members of the Association, however, they do have one vote per institution only at the Annual Meeting of the Corporation for recommendation of policies to be voted on by the Administrative Board of Directors, they also may vote as a final vote in the membership appeal process.

The control of this Corporation rests with the Administrative Board of Directors, not the accredited institutional members.

The Federation intends on publishing an annual listing of accredited programs and institutional members accredited by this association. It may also publish materials in concordance with the purpose of this institution.

Article VI

The office of the corporation's initial registered office and name of its initial registered agent at this office is:

Registered Office: 934 N. University Drive #102, Coral
Springs, FL 33071

Registered Agent: Randy I. Stein

Article VII

The names and addresses of the persons who are to act in capacity of incorporators/directors, and to appoint further directors or the selection of their successors are:

Sylvester Skakoon, Jy. Shastri	265 Lick Log Road, Sylva, N.C. 28779	President
William Wall, Ph.D.	P.O. Box 1156, Alachua, FL 32616	Vice President
Randy I. Stein, D.D.	1241 NW 89 th Drive, Coral Springs, FL 33071,	Secretary/Treasurer
Ram P. Agarwal, Ph.D	8220 SW 133 rd St., Miami, FL 33156	Director
Piyush C. Agarwal, Ph.D	10600 SW 73 rd Court, Miami, FL 33156	Director
Hans Rhyner, A.D.	9-24 Lloyd Road, Bangalore, 560005 Karnataka, India	Director

Article VIII

The Charter Institutional Accredited Member of the Federation is:

Florida Vedic College, 3111 University Drive #725, Coral Springs, FL 33065

Article IX

Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, this Association shall not, except to an insubstantial degree, engage in any activities or exercise any powers that are not in furtherance of the purposes of this association.

Article X

Upon the dissolution of this Corporation, its assets shall be distributed to one or more 501©(3) Vedic Educational Institutions whose activities are recognized as exempt purposes within the meaning of the section 501©(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

Article XI

No part of the net income or assets of this corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its members, trustees, directors, officers, or other private persons, except that this association 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 Two hereof. No substantial part of the activities of this corporation shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and this association shall not participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of or in opposition to any candidate for public office. Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, this 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 future tax code, or (b) by a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under section 170 ©(2) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

Except for irrevocable provisions, these articles may be amended by a majority vote of the Administrative Board of Directors.

Article XII

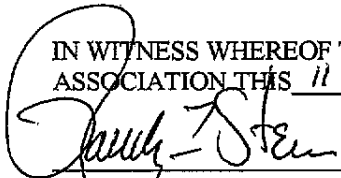
The Name and address of the Incorporator to these Articles of Incorporation are:

Randy I. Stein, D.D.

934 N. University Drive, #102

Coral Springs, FL 33071

IN WITNESS WHEREOF THE UNDERSIGNED HAVE EXECUTED THESE ARTICLES OF
ASSOCIATION THIS 11 DAY OF Sept, 1998.

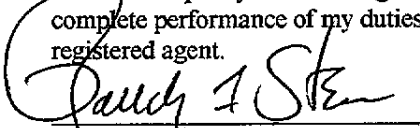


on behalf of the Directors

Randy I. Stein
Secretary/Incorporator

934 N. University Drive, #102
Coral Springs, FL 33071

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


Signature/ Registered Agent

9-11-98
Date

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