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

\*\*\*\*\*87.50 \*\*\*\*\*87.50

Subject:

Filing Articles of Incorporation (Not-for-Profit)

for Ile-Titum Church of IFA, USA, Inc.

Dear Sir/Madam:

Enclosed is an original and one copy of the articles of incorporation and a check for in the amount of \$87.50 as payment of the Filing Fee Certified Copy and Certificate.

Should you have any question(s) regarding the documents as submitted, please feel free to contact the undersigned at the numbers listed on this letterhead.

Thank you for your attention to this matter, as I remain,

(acting as Incorporator)

Enclosure:

Original & Copy

Article of Incorp. Check

cc:

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# ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION UNDER CHAPTER 617 OF THE FLORIDA STATUES FOR IEE-TITUM CHURCH OF \*\*\*RECORD STATUES \*\*\*RECO

**THE UNDERSIGNED INCORPORATOR(S)** for the purposes of forming a Not-For-Profit Corporation under Chapter 617 of the Florida Statutes (1998) hereby respectfully adopt the following Articles of Incorporation.

#### 1. NAME

The name of the corporation shall be **ILE-TITUM CHURCH OF IFA, USA, INC.** 

#### 2. INITIAL PRINCIPAL OFFICE

The initial principal office of the **ILE-TITUM CHURCH OF IFA**, **USA**, **INC.** is located at 5422 W. Flagler Street, Miami, Dade County, Florida 33134.

# 3. CORPORATE PURPOSE

The purpose(s) of **ILE-TITUM CHURCH OF IFA, USA, INC.** is to engage in endeavors to further the Religious teachings of Olodumare by his manifestation in Ifa Religion as guided by Orula; to engage in Ifa divination by use of the diving chain (opele); to engage in the teaching of the Ifa religion; to engage in initiating Priest into the Ifa Religion; to engage in holding any and all necessary rituals necessary in the religious practices of Ifa; to engage in any all and legal activies necessary for the furtherance of the Good Will of Olodumare by his manifestation in Ifa Religion.

Ifa is a system of divination based on sixteen basic and 256 derivatives figures (odu) obtained either by the manipulation of sixteen palm nuts (ikin), or by the toss of a chain (opele) of eight half seed shells. Ifa, as the God of Divination, entails ceremonies, sacrifice, tabus, drums, songs, praises, initiation, and other rituals elements comparable to those of the Yoruba Nation of West Africa.

# 4. MANNER OF ELECTION AND/OR APPOINTMENT OF DIRECTORS

**ILE-TITUM CHURCH OF IFA, USA, INC.** hereby elects, as permitted by §617.0202(d), *Florida Statutes (1998)*, to more fully detail the method(s) and/or manner of electing and/or appointing directors in the **bylaws** of **ILE-TITUM CHURCH OF IFA, USA, INC.** 

### 5. REGISTER AGENT

The initial Register Agent of ILE-TITUM CHURCH OF IFA, USA, INC. is

Francisco O. Loriga, Esq. 6482 SW 39 Street Miami, Florida 33155

Francisco O. Loriga has executed an appropriate form accepting the appointment as *Registered Agent* for the **ILE-TITUM CHURCH OF IFA, USA, INC.**, as required by §617.050, *Florida Statues* (1998).

# 5. INITIAL INCORPORATOR(S)

The names and addresses of the initial incorporators are as follows:

Jose M. Medina 6060 SW 16th Terr. Miami, Florida

Lazaro Gomez 5175 NW 1 Street Miami, Florida 33126

Jose Rubio 10000 SW 94th Ave. Miami, Florida 33174

#### 6. TERMS

This Corporation shall exist perpetually.

# 7. OFFICERS

- (a) The affairs of **ILE-TITUM CHURCH OF IFA, USA, INC.** shall be managed by officers elected by the Board of Directors. The officers shall serve until the next annual meeting of the board of directors, unless removed earlier in accordance with the bylaws.
- (b) The names of the officers who shall serve until the election at the organizational meeting after these articles are approved are:

TITLE OF OFFICE	NAME OF PERSON NAMED TO OFFICE
PRESIDENT ==	REV. JOSE M. MEDINA
VICE PRESIDENT☞	LAZARO GOMEZ
SECRETARY 🖙	REV. JOSE P. PACHECO
TREASURER **	REV. JOSE A. RUBIO

# 8. DIRECTORS

This **ILE-TITUM CHURCH OF IFA, USA, INC** shall have a board of directors of three directors initially. The number of directors shall be prescribed in the bylaws from time to time. The names and addressees of the directors who shall serve until the first election are:

NAME OF DIRECTOR	STREET ADDRESS
REV. JOSE M. MEDINA	6060 SW 16TH TERR., MIAMI, FL
LAZARO GOMEZ	5175 NW 1ST STREET, MIAMI, FL
JOSE A. RUBIO	1000 SW 94TH AVE., MIAMI, FL

Vacancies in the initial board of directors occurring before the first election shall be filled by the directors remaining in office even though they do not constitute a quorum o the board of directors.

# 8. BYLAWS

The bylaws of the **ILE-TITUM CHURCH OF IFA, USA, INC** shall be adopted by the board of directors.

# 9. AMENDMENTS

An Amendment to these articles may be adopted by the board of directors.

# 10. MEMBERS MEETINGS

No Act of the members shall be valid unless taken at a meeting of members after notice as prescribed by the bylaws.

# 11. NO ISSUANCE OF STOCK

This corporation shall issue no stock. No part of the net earnings of this corporation shall insure to the benefit of or be distributable to its members, directors, officers or other private persons except that this corporations shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth in this article. No substantial part of the activities of this corporation shall be carried on for propaganda, or otherwise attempting, to influence the legislation. The corporation shall not participate or intervene in any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office, including the publishing or distribution of statements. Notwithstanding, any other provision of these articles, this corporations shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on by a corporation exempt from federal income tax under § 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 or the corresponding provision of any future United States internal revenue law, or corresponding provision of nay future United States internal revenue law, or by a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under § 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 or the corresponding provision of any future United States internal revenue law. On the dissolution

of this corporation the board of directors shall dispose of all of the assets of this corporation exclusively for the purposes of this corporation in the manner or to the organization or organizations that are organized and operated exclusively for charitable, educational, religious or scientific purposes and that shall at the time qualify as exempt organizations under § 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 or the corresponding provision of any future United States internal revenue law, after paying or making provisions for the payment of all liabilities of this corporation. Any assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by a court of competent jurisdiction in the county where the principal office of this corporation is then located exclusively for the purposes or to the organizations that the court determines are organized and operated exclusively for charitable, educational, religious or scientific purposes.

Respectfully submitted,

BY: DATED: 03/29/99

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Jose R. Medina

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BY: DATED: 03/29/99

Jose A. Rubio

# **DESIGNATION OF REGISTERD AGENT**

HAVING BEEN NAMED AS REGISTERED AGENT AND TO ACCEPT SERVICE OF PROCESS FOR THE ABOVE STATED CORPORATION AT THE PLACE STATED 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 STATUES 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.

Respectfully submitted,

Erancisco O Loriga

DATED: 03/29/9