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William J. Ridings, Jr. 2211 Southeast 11<sup>th</sup> Street Pompano Beach, FL 33062

April 9, 1999

Secretary of State Division of Corporations P.O. Box 6327 Tallahassee, FL 32314

Re: Incorporation of World Cultural Institute, Inc. as a Non-Profit Corporation

Dear Sir/Madam:

Enclosed herewith please find the following:

- 1. Original and three copies of Articles of Incorporation;
- 2. Check in the amount of \$78.75 payable to Secretary of State;

Please furnish me with one certified and two filed copies of the Articles of Incorporation.

Thank you.

William J. Ridings, Jr.

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## FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE Katherine Harris Secretary of State

April 14, 1999

WILLIAM J. RIDINGS, JR. 2211 SOUTHEAST 11 ST POMPANO BEACH, FL 33062

SUBJECT: WORLD CULTURAL INSTITUTE, INC.

Ref. Number: W99000008899

We have received your document for WORLD CULTURAL INSTITUTE, INC. and your check(s) totaling \$78.75. However, the enclosed document has not been filed and is being returned for the following correction(s):

We regret that we were unable to contact you by phone. Please return the corrected document with a letter providing us with an address and telephone number where you can be reached during working hours.

Section 617.0803, Florida Statutes, requires that the board of directors never have fewer than three directors.

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) 487-6924.

Sharon Davis Document Specialist Supervisor

Letter Number: 799A00018998

William J. Ridings, Jr. 2211 Southeast 11<sup>th</sup> Street Pompano Beach, FL 33062

April 19, 1999

Ms. Sharon Davis,
Document Specialist Supervisor
Secretary of State
Division of Corporations
P.O. Box 6327
Tallahassee, FL 32314

Re: Incorporation of World Cultural Institute, Inc. as a Non-Profit Corporation Ref. Number: W99000008899

Dear Ms. Davis:

In response to your letter of April 14, 1999, I am enclosing a corrected Articles of Incorporation for the above indicating three directors. Original and three copies are enclosed.

If you have any questions or if there are further problems, you may reach me at 954-583-8600.

Please furnish me with one certified and two filed copies of the Articles of Incorporation.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

William J. Ridings, Jr.

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## ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF WORLD CULTURAL INSTITUTE, INC. A FLORIDA CORPORATION

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ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION of the undersigned, a majority of whom are citizene of the United States, desiring to form a Non-Profit Corporation under the Non-Profit Corporation Law of the State of Florida, do hereby certify:

FIRST: The name of the Corporation is: World Cultural Institute, Inc.

SECOND: The duration of the Corporation is perpetual.

THIRD: The Corporation is organized (and shall be operated) on a nonstock 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 in the Bylaws.

FOURTH: The purpose of the Corporation is as follows:

- A. This Corporation is a not-for-profit corporation organized under Chapter 617, Florida Statutes. It is not organized for the private gain of any person. The specific purposes of this corporation are the study, research and promotion of the knowledge of cultures, nations and civilizations, past and present, renowned and obscure, from all over the world and without regard to current world politics.
- B. To exercise all rights and powers conferred by the laws of the State of Florida upon nonprofit corporations.
- C. Provided, however, that the corporation shall not engage in any action which is not permitted to be carried on by nonprofit corporations under the Internal Revenue Code and no part of the net earnings of the Corporation shall inure to the benefit of or be distributable to its members, directors, or officers; but the Corporation shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation to these people for services rendered, and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of its stated purposes.
- D. Said corporation is organized exclusively for charitable, religious, educational, and scientific purposes, including, for such purposes, the making of distributions to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

FIFTH: No part of the net earnings of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to 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 Article Fourth hereof. No substantial part of the activities of the corporation shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the corporation shall not participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements) any political campaign on or on behalf of

or in opposition to any candidate for public office. Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, 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 the corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or (b) by a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

SIXTH: 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 the corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or shall be distributed to the federal government, or to a state or local government, for a public purpose. Any such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by a Court of Competent Jurisdiction of the county in which the principal office of the corporation is then 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.

SEVENTH: 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 Nonvoting Members of one or more classes, who shall be admitted in such manner and who shall have such rights and privileges as are set forth in the Bylaws, but who shall not have the right to vote. The name and address of each initial Voting Member is as follows:

William J. Ridings, Jr.

2211 Southeast 11<sup>th</sup> Street Pompano Beach, FL 33062

EIGHTH: The initial registered agent is William J. Ridings, Jr. and the initial registered office 2211 Southeast 11th Street, Pompano Beach, FL 33062.

NINTH: The initial Board of Directors shall have three members whose names and addresses are:

William J. Ridings, Jr.

2211 Southeast 11th Street

Pompano Beach, FL 33062

Geraldine Ridings

2248 Southeast 10<sup>th</sup> Court Pompano Beach, FL 33062

Suzan O'Brien

1730 Northeast 27<sup>th</sup> Avenue Pompano Beach, FL 33062

The Bylaws shall provide the method of election of all Directors, and the number of Directors may be raised or lowered by amendment of the Bylaws providing that there are a minimum of three.

TENTH: The officers of the corporation shall consist of a President, Secretary, and Treasurer. Other officers may be provided for in the Bylaws. Each Officer shall be elected by the Board of Directors (and may be removed by the Board of Directors) at such time and in such manner as may be prescribed by the Bylaws. The name and address of each initial Officer of the Corporation is as follows:

William J. Ridings, Jr. Pompano Beach, FL 33062 Secretary William J. Ridings, Jr. 2211 Southeast 11th Street Pompano Beach, FL 33062 Treasurer William J. Ridings, Jr. 2211 Southeast 11th Street Pompano Beach, FL 33062. ELEVENTH: The name and address of the incorporator of this Corporation are: William J. Ridings, Jr. 2211 Southeast 11th Street Pompano Beach, FL 33062 TWELFTH: The street address of the Corporation's initial principal office is 2211 Southeast 11th Street, Pompano Beach, Florida 33062. IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has signed these Articles of Incorporation on this Acknowledged before me on APLIL 19 1949, by WILLIAM who is personally known to me/ as identification, and who executed the foregoing Articles of Incorporation and acknowledged to and before me that he executed said instrument for the purposes therein expressed. NOTARY PUBLIC-STATE OF FLORID Name: 11 Commission No.: My Commission Expires: I accept designation as registered agent: COMMISSION #CC793665

2211 Southeast 11th Street

EXPIRES NOV 29, 2002

President