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ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

OF

Dorothy Porter Wesley Research Center, Inc.

The undersigned, acting as Incorporator for the purpose of forming a not for profit Corporation under the provisions of Chapter 617 of the Florida Statutes, hereby delivers the following Articles of Incorporation for said Corporation to the Department of State of the State of Florida.

ARTICLE I

The name of the Corporation is

Dorothy Porter Wesley Research Center, Inc.

ARTICLE II PURPOSE

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The purposes for which the corporation is organized are as follows:

2.1 To receive and to administer funds and to operate exclusively for religious, charitable, scientific, literary or educational purposes within the meaning of section 501 (c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, or comparable provisions of subsequent legislation and to give funds and property from time to time to other organizations to be used or held for use directly in carrying out one or more such purposes.

2.2 To acquire, own, purchase, lease, dispose of and deal with real and personal property and interests, either absolutely or in trust therein and to apply gifts, grants bequests, and devises and the proceeds thereof in furtherance of the purposes of the Corporation.

2.3 To do such things and to perform such acts to accomplish its purposes as the Board of Trustees may determine to be appropriate and as are not forbidden by Section 501 (c) (3) of the code, with all powers conferred on nonprofit corporations under the laws of the State of Florida.

2.4 To engage in the promotion of the arts, history and literary arenas related to the Afro-Diaspora through educational materials including books, newsletters, pamphlets, public discussion groups, forums, panels, lectures, workshops, exhibitions, colloquia and bibliographic and scholastic research.

ARTICLE III

POWERS

3.1 The Corporation shall possess and exercise all the powers and privileges granted by Chapter 607 and 617 of the Florida Statutes as they now exist or as they may be hereafter amended, or by any other law of Florida applicable in any manner to not for profit corporations limited only by the restrictions set forth in the Articles of Incorporation and in said Chapter 607 and 617 of the Florida Statutes.

3.2 The Corporation is organized not for profit and no part of the income of said Corporation shall ever be distributed to or ensure to the benefit of any member, trustee or officer; provided, however, that compensation in reasonable amounts may be paid for services rendered, that benefits may be conferred and that distributions may be made in accordance with Section 617.11(1).

3.3 Notwithstanding any other provisions of these Articles of Incorporation, the Corporation shall not conduct or carry on activities not permitted to be conducted or carried on (i) by an organization exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the Code and the Treasury Regulations promulgated thereunder as they now exist or as they may be hereafter amended, (ii) by an organization contributions to which are deductible under Section 170 of the Code and the Treasury Regulations promulgated thereunder as they now exist or as they may be hereafter amended, or (iii) by a not for profit corporation organized under the laws of Florida as they now exist or as they may be hereafter amended.

ARTICLE IV

NONSTOCK MEMBERSHIP CORPORATION

The Corporation shall be organized as a nonstock membership corporation. Qualifications for members and the manner of their admission to membership in the Corporation shall be as regulated by the Bylaws of the Corporation.

ARTICLE V

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

All corporate powers shall be exercised by or under the authority of, and the affairs of the Corporation shall be managed under the direction of, a Board of Trustees, except as may be otherwise provided in these Articles of Incorporation or in the bylaws of the Corporation, or as may be otherwise required by any of the provisions of Chapters 607 or 617 of the Florida Statutes as they now exist or as they may be hereafter amended. The number of Trustees shall be determined and fixed pursuant to the Bylaws of the Corporation, but shall consist of at least three (3) persons. The manner in which the trustees shall be elected or appointed shall be set forth in the Bylaws.

ARTICLE VI
REGISTERED OFFICE AND REGISTERED AGENT

The initial registered office and Registered Agent of the Corporation is:

Coni Porter Uzelac
pmb-123 2400 East Las Olas Blvd.
Fort Lauderdale, Fl 33301-1529

The principal office of the corporation shall be at the same address.

ARTICLE VII
INITIAL BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The names and addresses of the persons who are to constitute and serve as the initial Board of Trustees of the Corporation are:

President
Coni Porter Uzelac
pmb-123 2400 East Las Olas Blvd.
Fort Lauderdale, Fl 33301-1529

Vice President
Richard Balsamo, Esq.
801 Seabreeze Blvd. D433
Fort Lauderdale, Fl 33301

Corporate Secretary
Fletcher Robinson, M. D.
POB 11366
St. Thomas, VI 00801

Treasurer
John Goins, Esq.
700 Buchanan Street NW
Washington, D.C. 20017

ARTICLE VIII
INCORPORATOR

The name and address of the Incorporator executing these Articles of Incorporation is:

President
Coni Porter Uzelac
pmb-123 2400 East Las Olas Blvd
Fort Lauderdale, Fl 33301-1529

ARTICLE IX
BYLAWS

The power to adopt, change, amend and repeal the Bylaws of the Corporation shall be vested solely in the Board of Trustees of the Corporation.

ARTICLE X
TERM OF EXISTENCE

This Corporation is to exist perpetually.

ARTICLE XI
DISSOLUTION

Upon the dissolution of the Corporation, and subject to the provisions of Section 617.05 of the Florida Statutes as it now exists or as it may be hereafter amended, the Board of Trustees shall, after paying or making provision for the payment of all liabilities of the Corporation, distribute all assets of the Corporation, if any, to such organization or organizations existing and operating exclusively for charitable, scientific, literary or educational purposes and at that time qualified as an exempt organization or organizations under Section 501(c)(3) of the Code. Any 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 located, exclusively for such purposes or such organization or organizations, as said Court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purpose.

ARTICLE XII

No part of the net earnings of the Corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributed 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 the Articles 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 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.

Registered Agent

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned Incorporator and Registered Agent has hereunto set her hand and seal this 23 day of July, 1999 (**CHECK YEAR**), for the purpose of forming this Corporation not for profit under the laws of the State of Florida.

Coni Porter Uzelac 

Incorporator/~~Resident Agent~~

STATE OF FLORIDA COUNTY OF BROWARD

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this day before me, an officer duly qualified to take acknowledgments, personally appeared _____

1. { } to me personally known to be the person described herein and who executed the foregoing instrument, and acknowledged under oath that he executed the same.

OR

2. { } who produced identification in the form of _____, and acknowledged under oath before me that he executed the same.

WITNESS my hand and official seal in the County and State aforesaid this _____ day of _____, 1999.

Notary Public

(Type/print Name of Notary)

My Commission Expires:

**ACCEPTANCE OF REGISTERED AGENT
DESIGNATED IN ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION**

Coni Porter Uzelac, is an individual residing within the state and maintaining a business office identical with the registered office located at pmb 123, 2400 East Las Olas Blvd., Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301-1529 and having been designated as the Registered Agent in the above and foregoing Articles, is familiar with and accepts the obligations of the position of Registered Agent under Section 607.0505, Florida Statutes.

Coni Porter Uzelac


SIGNATURE

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