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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Enclosed, please find a check in the amount of \$ 70.00 dollars for  
filing the Articles of Incorporation for EBONY ART & FRAMES, INC.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

*Reba Johnson*  
Reba Johnson

enclosure

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**ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF**

**EBONY ART & FRAMES, INC.**

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The undersigned subscribers to these articles of incorporation each a natural person competent to contract, hereby associate themselves together to form a corporation under the laws of the State of Florida.

**ARTICLE I. NAME**

The name of this corporation shall be Ebony Art & Frames, Inc.

**ARTICLE II. NATURE OF BUSINESS**

The general nature of the business to be transacted by this corporation is to operate an establishment primarily in the retail and wholesale distribution of non-durable goods; such as, art goods, artists materials, gifts, glassware novelties, and canvas products.

To purchase, or otherwise acquire; and, to own, mortgage, pledge sell, assign, transfer or otherwise dispose of; and, to invest in, trade in, deal in and with goods, wares, merchandise, real and personal property and services of every class, kind and description; except that it is not to conduct a banking, safe deposit, trust, insurance, surety, railroad, canal, telegraph, telephone or a building and loan association, mutual fire insurance association, fraternal benefit society, state fair or exposition;

To conduct business in, have one or more offices in, and buy, hold, mortgage, sell, convey, lease, or otherwise dispose of, real and personal property, including franchises, patents, copyrights, trade-marks and licenses, in the State of Florida and in all other states and countries;

To contract debts and borrow money, issue and sell or pledge bonds, debentures, notes and other evidences of indebtedness and execute such mortgages, transfers of corporate indebtedness as required;

To purchase the corporate assets of any other corporation and engage in the same or other character of business;

To endorse, purchase, hold, sell, transfer, mortgage, pledge or otherwise acquire or dispose of the shares of the capital stock of, or any bonds, securities, or other evidences of indebtedness created by any other corporation of the State of Florida, or any other state or government; and, while owner of such stock, to exercise all the rights, powers and privileges of ownership, including the right to vote such stock;

To become guarantor or surety for any other person, firm or corporation for any purpose or transaction whatsoever;

To make gifts of its property or cash, either to charitable organizations, or otherwise, when deemed in the interest of the corporation;

To adopt such pension, profitsharing, stock option and deferred compensation plans for officers, employees and directors and to grant such stock options to officers, employees, directors and others as the Board of Directors may deem to be in the interest of the corporation;

To have and exercise all of the powers now or hereafter conferred upon corporations by the statutes and laws of the State of Florida.

All of the foregoing in this Article shall be construed as both objects and powers. The enumeration of specific powers and purposes is not intended to restrict or limit in any way the powers or purposes of this corporation.

### **ARTICLE III. CAPITAL STOCK**

The maximum number of shares of stock which this corporation is authorized to have outstanding at any one time is (100) shares of common stock for the par value of one dollar (\$1.00) per share.

### **ARTICLE IV. INITIAL CAPITAL**

The amount of capital with which this corporation will begin business is \$ 500.00 dollars.

### **ARTICLE V. TERM**

This corporation shall have perpetual existence.

#### **ARTICLE VI. ADDRESS**

The address of the principal office of this corporation in the State of Florida is 4555 Antelope Street, Middleburg, Florida 32068.

The Board of Directors may, from time to time, move the office to any other place in Florida.

#### **ARTICLE VII. DIRECTORS**

This corporation shall have two (2) directors initially. The number of directors may be either increased or diminished, from time to time, by the by-laws, but shall never be less than one (1), nor more than six (6). Any director may be removed at any time, with or without cause, by the stockholders having the right and entitled to vote at a meeting called for that purpose.

#### **ARTICLE VIII. INITIAL DIRECTORS**

The names and addresses of the members of the First Board of Directors of this corporation are:

Lonnie C. Johnson  
4555 Antelope Street  
Middleburg, Florida 32068  
President & Treasurer

Reba R. Johnson  
4555 Antelope Street  
Middleburg, Florida 32068  
Vice-President & Secretary

#### **ARTICLE VIII-A. REGISTERED OFFICE AND AGENT**

The street address of the original registered office of this corporation shall be 9501 Arlington Expressway #24, Jacksonville Florida 32225

and the initial registered agent at said office shall be Reba R. Johnson.

#### **ARTICLE IX. SUBSCRIBER**

The name and addresses of the subscribers of these Articles of Incorporation are: Reba R. Johnson, 4555 Antelope Street, Middleburg, Florida 32068

#### **ARTICLE X. MISCELLANEOUS**

This corporation shall have the right to amend or repeal any provision contained in these Articles of Incorporation and any right conferred upon the stockholders is subject to this provision.

Ownership of stock in this corporation shall not be required to make any person eligible to hold office or to become a director in this corporation.

The stockholders, or any two (2) or more of them, may by agreement recorded in the Minute Book of this corporation, impose such restrictions on the sale, transfer, or encumbrance of the stock in this corporation owned by the subscribers to such agreement as they may see fit. The by-laws of this corporation may impose any restrictions on the sale, transfer, or encumbrance of the stock of this corporation as may be lawful under the statutes and laws of the State of Florida, when such by-laws are adopted or amended.

Any subscriber or stockholder present at any meeting, either in person or by proxy, and any director present in person at any meeting of the Board of Directors, shall be conclusively deemed to have received proper notice of such meeting unless he/she shall make objection at such meeting to any defect or insufficiency of notice.

Any contract or other transaction between the corporation and one or more of its directors, or between the corporation and any firm of which one or more of its directors are members or employees, or in which they are interested, shall be valid for all purposes, notwithstanding the presence of such director or directors at the meeting of the Board of Director of the corporation, which acts upon, or in reference to, such contract or transaction; and, notwithstanding his/her or their participation in such action, if the fact of such interest shall be disclosed or known to the Board of Directors and the Board of Directors shall, nevertheless, authorize, approve or ratify, such contract or transaction by a vote of a majority of the directors present, such interested director or directors to be counted in determining whether a quorum is present, but not to be counted in calculating the majority necessary to carry such vote. These provisions shall not be construed to invalidate any contract or other transaction which would otherwise be valid under the common law and statutory law applicable thereto.

The Board of Directors is hereby specifically authorized to make provisions for reasonable compensation to its members for their services as directors and to fix the basis and conditions upon which such compensation shall be paid. Any director of the corporation may also serve the corporation in any other capacity and receive compensation therefore in any form.

#### **ARTICLE XI. INDEMNITY**

This corporation is authorized to indemnify any director, officer, or employee, or former director, officer, or employee of this corporation, or any person who may have served at its request as a director, officer, or employee of another corporation in which it owns shares of capital stock, or of which it is a creditor, against expenses actually and necessarily incurred by him/her in connection with the defense of any action, suit or proceeding in which he/she is made a party by reason of being or having been such director, officer, or employee, except in relation to matters as to which he/she shall be adjudged in such action, suit, or proceeding, to be liable for negligence or misconduct in the performance of duty. This corporation may also reimburse to any director, officer, or employee, the reasonable costs of settlement of any such action, suit, or proceeding, if it shall be found by a majority of a committee composed of the directors of this corporation not involved in the matter in controversy (whether or not a quorum) that it was to the interests of this corporation that such settlement be made and that such director, officer, or employee, was not guilty of negligence or misconduct. Such indemnification or reimbursement shall not preclude such director, officer, or employee, from exercising any rights to which he/she may be entitled under the by-laws or otherwise.

#### **ARTICLE XII. AMENDMENT**

These Articles of Incorporation may be amended in the manner provided by law. Every amendment shall be approved by the Board of Directors, proposed by them to the stockholders, and approved at a stockholders' meeting by a majority of the stock entitled to vote thereon, unless all the directors and all the stockholders sign a written statement manifesting their intention that a certain amendment of these Articles of Incorporation be made.

**ARTICLE XIII. MEETINGS BY CONFERENCE TELEPHONE**

Members of the Board of Directors may participate in meetings of the Board of Directors by means of conference telephone, as provided by law. Furthermore, the directors of this corporation may take action by written consent, as provided by law.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned incorporator, being natural person competent to contract, have hereunto set her hand this 21<sup>st</sup> day of March, 1995.

Beta R. Johnson

**STATE OF FLORIDA  
COUNTY OF DUVAL**

I hereby certify that on this day, before me, a Notary Public duly authorized in the State and County named above to take acknowledgements, personally appeared Reba R. Johnson to me known to be the person described as Subscriber in and who executed the foregoing Articles of Incorporation, and she acknowledged before me that she subscribed to these Articles of Incorporation.

WITNESS my hand and official seal in the County and State named above this 21<sup>st</sup> day of March, 1995.

Reba R. Johnson  
Affiant

[Signature]  
Notary Public  
State of Florida at Large  
Notary Public, State of Florida  
My Comm. Exp. Apr. 29, 1995

**CERTIFICATE**

**DESIGNATING REGISTERED AGENT AND PLACE OF BUSINESS FOR THE  
SERVICE OF PROCESS WITHIN THIS STATE.**

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SECRETARY OF STATE  
TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA

Pursuant to Section 48.091, Florida Statutes, the following  
is submitted:

**EBONY ARTS & FRAMES, INC.**

desiring to organize under the laws of the State of Florida, with  
its registered office, as indicated in the Articles of  
Incorporation, in the City of Jacksonville, County of Duval,  
State of Florida, has named Reba R. Johnson as its agent to  
accept service or process within the State of Florida.

Reba R. Johnson  
Incorporator

**ACKNOWLEDGMENT**

Having been named to accept service of process for the above  
named corporation, at the place designated in this Certificate, I  
hereby accept such appointment and agree to act in this capacity,  
and agree to comply with the provisions of law relating to keeping  
said office open.

Reba R. Johnson  
Registered Agent

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FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
Sandra B. Mortham  
Secretary of State

April 2, 1996

EBONY ART & FRAMES, INC.  
4555 ANTELOPE ST  
MIDDLEBURG, FL 32068

SUBJECT: EBONY ART & FRAMES, INC.  
Ref. Number: P95000024674

Debit Memo #: 63124-G

This is to inform you that your check #2282 in the amount of \$200.00 and submitted for EBONY ART & FRAMES, INC. has been returned to us by your bank because of ACCOUNT CLOSED.

We request that you remit a cashier's check or money order in amount of \$215.00 made payable to the Department of State. This amount will cover the unpaid fees and the service fee required by law under section 215.34, Florida Statutes.

When sending the cashier's check or money order, please refer to the debit memo number listed above and state that it is a replacement for the returned check mentioned above.

Please note that the documents filed by this office with the returned check will be cancelled unless a replacement check is received within 30 days from the date of this letter. Send the replacement check to:

Division of Corporations  
Attn: Pat Bailey  
P.O. Box 6327  
Tallahassee, FL 32314

If you have any questions concerning this matter, please call (904) 487-6816.

Sincerely,  
Pat Bailey  
Accountant I  
Division of Corporations

Letter number: 096A00014967

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FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
Sandra B. Mortham  
Secretary of State

May 14, 1996

EBONY ART & FRAMES, INC.  
4555 ANTELOPE ST  
MIDDLEBURG, FL 32068

SUBJECT: EBONY ART & FRAMES, INC.  
Ref. Number: P95000024674

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Due to your failure to respond to our previous letter, your Annual Report for EBONY ART & FRAMES, INC. has been cancelled and is considered not filed as of May 14, 1996.

Please refer to our previous letter advising you of the returned check.

Section 607.1421, Florida Statutes, requires us to give at least 60 days notice of our intent to administratively dissolve a Florida corporation or revoke the authority to transact business of a foreign corporation for failure to file the annual report and pay the filing fee. This will serve as your notice that if payment of \$215.00 is not received within the 60 day period, your corporation will be administratively dissolved or revoked and a reinstatement fee of an additional \$175 will be imposed.

Please send your response to:

Division of Corporations  
Attn: Pat Bailey  
P.O. Box 6327  
Tallahassee, FL 32314