



State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations
Office of the Secretary of State

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Division Of Business Services
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**Non-Profit Corporation
Articles of Incorporation**

(Chapter 7-6-34 of the General Laws of Rhode Island, 1956, as amended)

ARTICLE I

The name of the corporation is SANKOFA COMMUNITY CONNECTION

ARTICLE II

The period of its duration is Perpetual

ARTICLE III

The specific purpose or purposes for which the corporation is organized are:

- A) TO DECREASE ISSUES PREVALENT WITHIN URBAN COMMUNITIES BY EMPOWERING ITS OFTEN UNDERSERVED MEMBERS THROUGH EDUCATION AND BY CULTIVATING COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP THAT WILL HELP TO INCREASE CULTURAL PRIDE, STRIVE FOR HEALTH EQUITY AND BUILD A THRIVING AFRICAN AMERICAN COMMUNITY IN NEWPORT COUNTY.
- B) 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.
- C) 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 THIRD 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, THIS CORPORATION 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 CORPORATION.

D) 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.

ARTICLE IV

Provisions, if any, not inconsistent with the law, which the incorporators elect to set forth in these articles of incorporation for the regulation of the internal affairs of the corporation are:

ARTICLE V

The street address (post office boxes are not acceptable) of the initial registered office of the corporation is:

No. and Street: 79 PLAIN ST.
City or Town: PROVIDENCE State: RI Zip: 02903

The name of its initial registered agent at such address is DAWN EUER, ESQ.

ARTICLE VI

The number of directors constituting the initial Board of Directors of the Corporation is 4 and the names and addresses of the persons who are to serve as the initial directors are:

Title	Individual Name First, Middle, Last, Suffix	Address Address, City or Town, State, Zip Code, Country
DIRECTOR	SENECA PENDER	178 MEADOW LANE MIDDLETOWN, RI 02842 USA
DIRECTOR	AKELA BENARD	2 MAPLE TERRACE MIDDLETOWN, RI 02842 USA
DIRECTOR	ANGELA LIMA	NEWPORT HEIGHTS NEWPORT, RI 02840 USA
DIRECTOR	JANELL HENRY	4980 NORTH MAIN ST., #604 FALL RIVER, MA 02720 USA

ARTICLE VII

The name and address of the incorporator is:

Title	Individual Name First, Middle, Last, Suffix	Address Address, City or Town, State, Zip Code, Country
INCORPORATOR	DAWN EUER	79 PLAIN ST. PROVIDENCE, RI 02903 USA
INCORPORATOR	NIKO MERRITT	8 LEDYARD ST. NEWPORT, RI 02840 USA

ARTICLE VIII

Date when corporate existence is to begin 08/20/2016

(not prior to, nor more than 30 days after, the filing of these Articles of Incorporation)

Signed this 20 Day of August, 2016 at 9:33:52 PM by the incorporator(s). *This electronic signature of the individual or individuals signing this instrument constitutes the affirmation or acknowledgement of the signatory, under penalties of perjury, that this instrument is that individual's act and deed or the act and deed of the corporation, and that the facts stated herein are true, as of the date of the electronic filing, in compliance with R.I. Gen. Laws § 7-6.*

Enter signature(s) below.

DAWN EUER

NIKO MERRITT

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Nellie M. Gorbea, *Secretary of State*

I, NELLIE M. GORBEA, Secretary of State of the State of Rhode Island
and Providence Plantations, hereby certify that this document, duly executed in
accordance with the provisions of Title 7 of the General Laws of Rhode Island, as
amended, has been filed in this office on this day:

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Nellie M. Gorbea". The signature is fluid and cursive, written in a professional style.

Nellie M. Gorbea
Secretary of State

