



**State of Rhode Island
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 Diaspora Academy

ARTICLE II

The period of its duration is ☒ Perpetual ☐

ARTICLE III

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

THE SPECIFIC OBJECTIVE AND PURPOSE OF THIS CORPORATION SHALL BE TO DEVELOP, ESTABLISH AND OPERATE A SCHOOL DEDICATED TO DELIVERING A RIGOROUS, EFFECTIVE, AND ENGAGING EDUCATIONAL EXPERIENCE FOR ALL STUDENTS, ONE FOUNDED IN HIGHLIGHTING THE ASSETS AND HISTORY OF THE AFRICAN DIASPORA. DIASPORA ACADEMY WILL EMPOWER STUDENTS, FAMILIES AND COMMUNITIES TO EMBRACE, ACTIVATE AND MOBILIZE THEIR POWER THROUGH RICH CULTURAL EXPERIENCES.

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: 116 MAURAN STREET CRANSTON, RI 02910

City or Town: CRANSTON

State: RI

Zip: 02910

The name of its initial registered agent at such address is SIMONA SIMPSON-THOMAS

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	Address
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	First, Middle, Last, Suffix	Address, City or Town, State, Zip Code, Country
DIRECTOR	SIMONA SIMPSON-THOMAS	116 MAURAN STREET CRANSTON, RI 02910 USA
DIRECTOR	JAEL LOPES	1058 NARRAGANSETT BLVD CRANSTON, RI 02905 USA
DIRECTOR	HOLLY HARRIEL	1058 NARRAGANSETT BLVD CRANSTON, RI 02905 USA
DIRECTOR	DOMINGO LORA	17 MASSIE AVENUE PROVIDENCE, RI 02905 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	SIMONA SIMPSON-THOMAS	116 MAURAN STREET CRANSTON, RI 02910 USA
INCORPORATOR	JAEL LOPES	1058 NARRAGANSETT BLVD CRANSTON, RI 02905 USA

ARTICLE VIII

Date when corporate existence is to begin 9/19/2020

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

Signed this 21 Day of September, 2020 at 10:05:50 AM 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.

SIMONA SIMPSON-THOMAS

JAEL LOPES

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Nellie M. Gorbea, *Secretary of State*

I, NELLIE M. GORBEA, Secretary of State of the State of Rhode Island,
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:

September 21, 2020 10:04 AM

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

Nellie M. Gorbea
Secretary of State

