



**State of Rhode Island
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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 RAICES - Rhode Island Folk and culture Association.

ARTICLE II

The period of its duration is X Perpetual —

ARTICLE III

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

CONTRIBUTE TO THE IMPROVEMENT OF THE QUALITY OF LIFE OF THE RHODE ISLAND COMMUNITY. THROUGH THE FORMULATION AND DEVELOPMENT OF CULTURAL AND SOCIAL PROJECTS, CONSERVATION OF INTANGIBLE CULTURAL HERITAGE, DIFFUSION AND PROMOTION OF LATIN AMERICAN FOLKLORE.

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:

ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF RAICES - RHODE ISLAND FOLK AND CULTURE ASSOCIATION.

THE UNDERSIGNED, A MAJORITY OF WHOM ARE CITIZENS OF THE UNITED STATES, DESIRING TO FORM A NON-PROFIT ASSOCIATION UNDER THE NON-PROFIT CORPORATION

LAW OF RHODE ISLAND, DO HEREBY CERTIFY:

FIRST: THE NAME OF THE ASSOCIATION SHALL BE RAÍCES - RHODE ISLAND FOLK AND CULTURE ASSOCIATION.

SECOND: THE PLACE IN THIS STATE WHERE THE PRINCIPAL OFFICE OF THE ASSOCIATION IS TO BE LOCATED IS THE CITY OF PAWTUCKET, RHODE ISLAND

COUNTY.

THIRD: SAID ASSOCIATION IS ORGANIZED EXCLUSIVELY TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE IMPROVEMENT OF THE QUALITY OF LIFE OF THE RHODE ISLAND COMMUNITY. THROUGH THE FORMULATION AND DEVELOPMENT OF CULTURAL AND SOCIAL PROJECTS, CONSERVATION OF INTANGIBLE CULTURAL HERITAGE, DIFFUSION AND PROMOTION OF LATIN AMERICAN FOLKLORE, 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.

FOURTH: THE NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF THE PERSONS WHO ARE THE INITIAL TRUSTEES

OF THE ASSOCIATION ARE FOLLOWS:

NAME ADDRESS

SUSAN MOLINA 75 NEWTON STREET, PAWTUCKET RI

GRETTEY SARRIA 113 SUMMIT STREET, CENTRAL FALLS RI 02063

NATALIA MUNOZ 62 BLOOMINGDALE AVENUE PAWTUCKET RI 02860

STEVEN MARSELLA 2072 SMITH STREET NORTH PROVIDENCE R.I 02911

LOUIS MARSELLA 759 P.O. BOX BLOCK ISLAND R.I 02807

FIFTH: NO PART OF THE NET EARNINGS OF THE ASSOCIATION SHALL INURE TO THE BENEFIT OF, OR BE DISTRIBUTABLE TO ITS MEMBERS, TRUSTEES, OFFICERS, OR OTHER PRIVATE PERSONS, EXCEPT THAT THE ASSOCIATION 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 ASSOCIATION SHALL BE THE CARRYING ON OF PROPAGANDA, OR OTHERWISE ATTEMPTING

TO INFLUENCE LEGISLATION, AND THE ASSOCIATION 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

ASSOCIATION SHALL NOT CARRY ON ANY OTHER ACTIVITIES NOT PERMITTED TO BE

CARRIED ON (A) BY AN ASSOCIATION 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 ASSOCIATION, 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 ASSOCIATION 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.
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, WE HAVE HEREUNTO SUBSCRIBED OUR NAMES THIS 09 DAY OF MAY, 2024.

ARTICLE V

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

No. and Street: 545 PAWTUCKET AVENUE LL10
City or Town: PAWTUCKET State: RI Zip: 02860

The name of its initial registered agent at such address is NADER MOLINA FIGUEROA

ARTICLE VI

The number of directors constituting the initial Board of Directors of the Corporation is 5 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	SUSAN MOLINA	75 NEWTON ST PAWTUCKET, RI 02860 USA
DIRECTOR	GRETTY SARRIA	113 SUMMIT STREET CENTRAL FALLS, RI 02063 USA
DIRECTOR	NATALIA MUNOZ	62 BLOOMINGDALE AVENUE PAWTUCKET, RI 02860 USA

DIRECTOR	STEVEN MARSELLA	2072 SMITH STREET NORTH NORTH PROVIDENCE, RI 02911 USA
DIRECTOR	LOUIS MARSELLA	759 P.O. BOX BLOCK ISLAND, RI 02807 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	NADER MOLINA FIGUEROA	75 NEWTON ST PAWTUCKET, RI 02860 USA

ARTICLE VIII

Date when corporate existence is to begin 05/10/2024
(not prior to, nor more than 30 days after, the filing of these Articles of Incorporation)

Signed this 10 Day of May, 2024 at 1:30:23 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.

NADER MOLINAFIGUEROA

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