

**ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION  
OF  
SUDANESE COMMUNITY CENTER, INC.**

**PURSUANT TO SECTION 29-1030**

**DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA NONPROFIT CORPORATION ACT**

**We, the undersigned natural persons of the age of eighteen years or more acting as incorporators of a Nonprofit Corporation pursuant to section 29-1030 of the District of Columbia Nonprofit Corporation Act, adopt the following Articles of Incorporation:**

**FIRST: The name of the Corporation (which is hereafter called the "Corporation") is SUDANESE COMMUNITY CENTER, INC.**

**SECOND: The period of duration of the corporation shall be perpetual.**

**THIRD: The purposes for which the Corporation is formed are as follows:**

- (a) The Corporation is organized exclusively for educational, cultural, health and charitable purposes, including, for such purposes:

To Create conditions that support and promote the health, education and social services needs of individuals of Sudanese heritage in the Washington-metropolitan area, through public awareness, community mobilization, skill building and other services. The organization seeks to link individuals and families to vital human services within a cultural context.

To promote the mutual understanding and cooperation between Sudanese community members, and between the organization and other ethnic groups.

To preserve and advance cultural heritage and social values of the Sudanese community.

To advocate cultural exchange, to promote education at all levels, and to cooperate with charitable and other organizations involved in community services.

- (b) The corporation shall be strictly a nonprofit, non-stock and non-political organization. No part of the net earnings of the Corporation shall inure to the benefit of or be distributable to its members, directors, 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 campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office. Notwithstanding any other provisions Of these Articles, the Corporation shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (i) by a corporation exempt from federal income tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law), or (ii) by a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under Section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (or the corresponding provisions of any future United States Revenue Law).
- (c) Included among the purposes for which the Corporation is organized, as qualified and limited by subparagraphs (a) and (b) of this Article THIRD are charitable and social activities, so long as such activities may be carried on by a corporation exempt from federal income tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (or the corresponding provisions of any future United States Internal Revenue Law).

**FOURTH:** The address of the initial registered office of the Corporation is 2639 15th Street, N.W. # 104, Washington, D.C. 20009, and the name of the initial registered agent at such address is Mr. Bashir Ishaq.

**FIFTH:** The number of directors constituting the Board of Directors of the Corporation shall be eleven (11), which number may be increased pursuant to the Bylaws of the Corporation, but shall never be less than three (3). The names and addresses of the Directors, who shall act until the first annual meeting or until their successors are duly elected and shall qualify, are:

**Mohammed Ali Abdullah**  
2639 15th Street N.W # 204  
Washington, D.C. 20009

**Osman M. Alnifaidy**  
11215 Oak Leaf Dr. # 210  
Silver Spring, MD 20901

**Eltayeb Elsalawi**  
11200 Lockwood Dr. #819  
Silver Spring, MD 20901

**Saifeldin Eltahir**  
5400 N. Morgan S.E. #401  
Alexandria, VA 22312

**Iman Gariballa**  
14104 Parker Farm way  
Silver Spring, MD 20901

**Zeinab Yassin Hagelsafi**  
1605 28th Street #10  
Arlington, VA 22206

**Bashir Ishaq**  
2639 15th Street N.W. # 104  
Washington, D.C. 20009

**Ahmed Kheir**  
4300 Old Dominion Dr. # 902  
Arlington, VA 22207

**Omer Elfarouk Mohamed**  
637 N. 6th Street  
Allentown, PA 18102

**Ahmed Osman**  
9510 Blackburn Drive  
Burke, VA 22015

**Mohamed Yousif**  
3619 Edwards Street  
Springdale, MD 20774

**SIXTH:** The Corporation has no authority to issue capital stock; it shall not be organized for profit. The number, qualifications for, and other matters relating to its members shall be as set forth in the Bylaws of the Corporation.

**SEVENTH:** The following provisions are hereby adopted for the purposes of defining, limiting and regulating the powers of the Corporation and its directors:

- (a) The Corporation shall distribute its income for each taxable year at such time and in such manner as not to become subject to the tax on undistributed income imposed by Section 4942 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, or corresponding provisions of any subsequent federal tax laws.
- (b) The Corporation shall not engage in any act of self-dealing as defined in Section 4941(d) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, or corresponding provisions of any subsequent federal tax laws.
- (c) The Corporation shall not retain any excess business holdings as defined in Section 4943(c) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, or corresponding provisions of any subsequent federal tax laws.'
- (d) The Corporation shall not make any investments in such manner as to subject it to tax under Section 4944 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, or corresponding provisions of any subsequent federal tax laws.
- (e) The Corporation shall not make any taxable expenditures as defined in Section'4945(d) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, or corresponding provisions of any subsequent federal tax laws.
- (f) Upon the dissolution of the Corporation affairs, or upon the abandonment of the Corporation's activities due to its impracticable or inexpedient nature, the assets of the Corporation then remaining in the hands of the Corporation shall be distributed, transferred, conveyed, delivered and paid over for one or more exempt purposes with/n the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or shall be distributed, transferred, conveyed, delivered and paid over to the federal government, or to a state or local government, for a public purpose.
- (g) No director or officer of the Corporation shall be liable to the Corporation or to its members for money damages except (1) to the extent that it is proved that such director or officer actually received an improper benefit or profit in money, property or services, for the amount of the benefit or provide in money, property or services actually received, or (2) to the extent that a judgment or other final adjudication adverse to such director or officer is entered in a proceeding based on a finding in the proceeding that such director's or officer's action, or failure to act, was (i) the result of active and deliberate dishonesty, or (ii) intentionally wrongful, willful or malicious and, in each such case, was material to the cause of action adjudicated in the proceeding.
- (h) The Corporation may by its Bylaws make any other provisions or requirements for the arrangement or conduct of the business of the Corporation, provided the same be consistent with these Articles of Incorporation nor contrary to the laws of the District of Columbia or of the United States.

**EIGHTH: In these Articles of Incorporation,**

- (a) References to "charitable organizations" or "charitable organization" mean corporations, trusts, funds, foundations, or community chests created or organized in the United States or in any of its possessions, whether under the laws of the United States, any state or territory, the District of Columbia, or any possession of the United States, organized and operated exclusively for "charitable purposes" no part of the net earnings of which inures or is payable to or for benefit of any private shareholder or individual, and no substantial part of the activities of which carrying on propaganda or otherwise attempting to influence legislation and which do not participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distributing of statements), any political campaign on behalf of any candidates for public office. It is intended that the organization described in this Article NINTH shall be entitled to exemption from federal income tax under Section 501 (c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as now in force or afterwards amended.

- (b) The term "charitable purposes" shall be limited to and shall include only charitable, scientific testing for public safety, literary, or educational purposes within the meaning of the terms used in Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 but only such purposes as also constitute public charitable purposes under the laws of the United States, any state or territory, the District of Columbia, or any possession of the United States.

**NINTH: The names and addresses of the incorporators are:**

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**IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have signed these Articles of Incorporation this Second day of January 1998, and we acknowledge the same to be our act.**

**Mohammed Ali Abdullah, Incorporator**

**Ettayeb Elsalawi, Incorporator**

**Iman Graiballa, Incorporator**

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**Incorporator**