

**IRS EIN NUMBER: 92-38224762**

**FEDERAL ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION**

**LTL VAKA FOUNDATION**

**A Non-Profit Corporation**

The Undersigned, being over the age of eighteen (18) years and competent to contract, for the purpose of organizing a Corporation not for-profit pursuant to the laws of the State of Tennessee, does hereby adopt the following Articles of Incorporation, and does hereby agree and certify as follows:

**ARTICLE 1**

**Name**

The name of this Corporation shall be **LTL VAKA FOUNDATION**

**ARTICLES 11**

**PRINCIPAL OFFICE**

The Physical and mailing address of the principal office of the Corporation shall be **665 S PEAR ORCHARD RD. SUITE 106-1126 RIDGELAND, MS. 39157**

**ARTICLES 111**

**PURPOSE AND POWERS**

1. This organization, **LTL VAKA FOUNDATION** is organized exclusively for charitable, religious, educational, and scientific purposes within the meaning of the section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, including, for such purposes, the making of distribution to organizations that qualify as exempt organization under said code section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

Such purpose shall include the following:

**(a) Mission Statement:**

Our non-profit organization is devoted to the dual objectives of catalyzing business development and reducing crime, while cultivating deeper community relationships. We focus our attention around engendering safer, more harmonious communities by equipping individuals, particularly young adults, with the necessary skills and opportunities to not only abstain from criminal behavior, but to also contribute constructively to the economic fabric of

their society, Further, we are dedicated to fostering an environment conducive to business growth and entrepreneurial spirit, facilitating a collaborative platform where individuals can learn to be innovative, and prosper, while empowering our participants, and encouraging healthy communities in the Ridgeland MS., and the surrounding areas,

As a means of accomplishing the above purpose and methods, the Corporation shall have the following powers:

1. To receive and accept gifts of money and property and to hold the same for any of the purposes of the Corporation and its work.
2. To raise and assist in raising funds for the purposes herein set forth, including the issuance of bonds or other instruments of credits.
3. To acquire, own, lease, mortgage and dispose of property both real and personal. 4. To accept property and donations in trust for religious or charitable purposes.
4. No part of the net earnings of the organization, **LTL VAKA FOUNDATION.**, shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its members, trustees, officers, or other private persons, except that the organization 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 the purpose clause hereof.
5. No substantial part of the activities of the organization shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, except as provided in section 501 (h) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, and the organization shall not participate in, or intervene in any political campaign (including the publishing or distribution of statements) on behalf of or in opposition to any candidate for public office.
6. Notwithstanding any other provisions of this document, the organization shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by an organization exempt from federal income tax under section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or (b) by an organization, contributions to which are deductible under section 170 (c) (2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

(3) The property of the Corporation is irrevocable dedicated to religious, educational and charitable purpose, and no part of the net earnings of the corporation/organization shall inure to the benefits of, or be distributable to its members, trustees, directors, officers or other private persons, except that the corporation/organization shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of Section 501 (c) (3) purposes.

(a) No substantial part of the activities of the corporation/organization shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the corporation/organization 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.

(b) The Corporation shall not:

(1) Operate for the purpose of carrying on a trade or business for profit but only through donations through charitable gifts from our partners.

(2) Accumulate income, invest income, or divert income, in a manner endangering its exempt status, or

(3) Except to an insubstantial degree, engage in any activity or exercise any powers that are not in furtherance of the purpose of the Corporation.

#### **ARTICLE IV**

##### **MANNER OF ELECTION**

Directors shall be elected as set forth in the Corporation's Bylaws.

#### **ARTICLE V**

##### **INITIAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

This Corporation shall have five (5) directors initially. The number may be either increased or diminished from time to time in accordance with the Bylaws, but shall never be less than three (3). The name of the initial directors of this Corporation is:

- 1. Loviell Lawson- President 665 S. Pear Orchard Rd. Ste.106-1126  
Ridgeland, MS. 39157**
- 2. Akai Gillon- Vice President 665 S. Pear Orchard Rd. Ste. 106-1126  
Ridgeland, MS. 39157**
- 3. Lamont Lawson- Treasurer 665 S. Pear Orchard Rd. Ste. 106-1126  
Ridgeland, MS. 39157**
- 4. Deasha Clark-Secretary 665 S. Pear Orchard Rd. Ste. 106-1126**

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5. James McFolley- Board Member 665 S. Pear. Orchard Rd. Ste  
106-1126 Ridgeland, MS. 39157

**ARTICLE VI**

**INITIAL REGISTERED AGENT AND OFFICE**

The name and address of the registered agent shall be as follows:

**LOVIELL LAWSON**

**665 PEAR ORCHARD RD. STE 106-1126**

**RIDGELAND, MS. 39157**

**ARTICLE VII**

**INCORPORATOR**

The name and street address of the Incorporator is:

Dr. George Campbell

8822 River Pine Dr.

Cordova Tn. 38016

**ARTICLE VIII**

**BYLAWS**

The power to adopt, alter, amend or repeal bylaws shall be vested in the Board of Directors.

**ARTICLE IX**

**INDEMNIFICATION**

This Corporation may be empowered to indemnify any officer or director, or any form director in the manner set out and provided for in the bylaws of this Corporation. The indemnification provided hereunder shall inure to the benefits of the heirs executors and administrators of persons entitled to indemnification hereunder. The right of indemnification of this Article shall be in addition to and not exclusive of all other rights to which any person may be entitled.

#### **DISSOLUTION STATEMENT**

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 purpose.