

ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION
OF
THE AMERICAN G I FORUM OF THE UNITED STATES, INC.

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Secretary of State of Texas
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Deputy Director, Corporation Division

We, the undersigned natural persons of the age of twenty-one (21) years or more, at least two of whom are citizens of the State of Texas, acting as Incorporators of the corporation under the Texas Non-Profit Corporation Act, do hereby adopt the following Articles of Incorporation for such corporation.

ARTICLE I.

The name of the corporation is THE AMERICAN G I FORUM OF THE UNITED STATES, INC.

ARTICLE II.

The corporation is a non-profit corporation.

ARTICLE III.

The period of duration is perpetual.

ARTICLE IV.

The purposes for which the corporation is organized is to provide charitable, educational, social and benevolent activities and facilities for its members or as the case may be, and herein described with more particularity, to-wit:

- A. To render aid and assistance to those individuals in the United States of America who are in needy circumstances;
- B. To provide scholarships for worthy students;
- C. To seek improvement of educational facilities, in general, as provided and authorized under the laws of the United States of America;
- D. To provide housing for those individuals in the United States of America who are in need of it by participating in Federal and State programs;
- E. To assist the infirmed, the needy and the poor to secure the basic necessities of life, to include, food shelter and clothing;

- F. To strive for the procurement of all veterans and their families, regardless of race, color and creed, the equal privileges to which they are entitled under the laws of the United States of America.
- G. To strive for the preservation of the democratic ideals for which the United States of America has fought all wars, and propose to ever maintain, as well as advance, those democratic ideals wherever possible.
- H. To foster the training and education of all citizens in order that a true and real democracy may exist in the lowest, as well as the highest, unit, so that the loyalty of this organization to those principles may never be questioned.
- I. To foster an understanding between the different nationalities in American society.
- J. To act in a manner as provided by the laws of the United States of America and the bylaws of the American G I Forum of the United States.
- K. To do everything that is necessary and proper to fulfill the purposes announced herein.

This corporation is organized and operated for charitable, educational and benevolent purposes and other non-profit purposes, and no part of any net earnings should inure to the benefit of any private member or shareholder.

ARTICLE V.

The street address of the initial registered office of the corporation is 1315 Bright Street, Corpus Christi, Nueces County, Texas, and the name of its initial registered agent at such address is Amador C. Garcia.

ARTICLE VI.

This corporation is organized and operated exclusively for benevolent, educational and charitable purposes and operated in the public interest and not for private benefit of its incorporators, its directors, its members or any person having a personal or private interest in the activity of the corporation. No part of the net earnings of the corporation, should it ever have any, current or accumulated, shall inure to the benefit of or ever be distributed by any incorporator-director, contributor to any person having a personal or private interest in the activity of this corporation.

ARTICLE VII.

This corporation shall never be operated for the purpose of carrying on a trade or business for profit. None of the assets or net earnings, if any, of this corporation shall be used, nor shall this corporation ever be operated, for the purposes that were not exclusively within those set forth in Article IV of the Articles of Incorporation, and within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, as amended, or corresponding provision of any subsequent federal tax laws.

ARTICLE VIII.

This corporation shall not carry on propaganda or otherwise attempt to influence legislation, nor shall it participate or intervene in any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office.

ARTICLE IX.

This corporation shall not have or exercise any power or authority, nor shall it engage in any activity or transaction which will prevent it from qualifying, and continuing to qualify, as a corporation, which is exempt from federal income tax, and as a corporation contributions to which are deductible, federal income, gift, and estate tax purposes. The affairs of this corporation, shall at all times, be so administered and conducted that they will so qualify.

This corporation shall make distributions for each taxable year at such time and in such manner as not to become subject to tax on undistributed income imposed by Section 4942 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, or corresponding provisions of any subsequent federal tax laws. The corporation shall not engage in any act of self-dealing as defined in Section 4941(d) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, or corresponding provisions of any subsequent federal tax laws; nor retain any excess business holdings as defined in Section 4943(c) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, or corresponding provisions of any subsequent federal tax laws; nor make any investments in such manner as to

The corporation shall have only general members, as that term may hereinafter be defined in its bylaws. The corporation shall have no capital stock.

Upon dissolution of the corporation, after all the liabilities of the corporation have been paid, satisfied and discharged, all and any assets which are not held upon a condition requiring of return, transfer or conveyance by reason of the dissolution, shall be transferred or conveyed, pursuant per plan of distribution adopted by the Board of Directors, to or for the use of one or more non-profit, charitable corporations, societies, trust, foundations, or organizations which are exempt from the federal income tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 or corresponding provisions of any subsequent federal tax laws.

The number of directors constituting the initial Board of Directors of the corporation is six(6), and the names and addresses of the persons who are to serve as the initial Board of Directors are:

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| 1. | Antonio Gallegos
Chairman | 7149 Pico Vista Rd. Pico Rivera, Calif.
90660 |
| 2. | J. Q. (Rod) Rodriguez
Vice-Chairman | 821 W. South St. Salina, Kansas 67401 |
| 3. | Bernardo "Bernie" Sandoval
Executive Secretary | P. O. Box 336 Beeville, Texas 78102 |
| 4. | Alfred Galvan
Sargent at Arms | 2923 S. Loomis St. Chicago, Illinois 60608 |
| 5. | Rev. Msg. Erwin Jurascheck
Chaplin | St. Thomas Moore Parish
4430 Moana Drive San Antonio, Texas 78218 |
| 6. | Dr. Hector Garcia
Founder | 1315 Bright St. Corpus Christi, Texas
78405 |

ARTICLE XIII.

The names and address of each incorporator is:

1. Dr. Hector P. Garcia 1315 Bright St. Corpus Christi, Texas
2. Amador C. Garcia 4625 Bonner Drive Corpus Christi, Texas
3. Nora Gonzalez 9006 Belk St. El Paso, Texas 79904

ARTICLE XIV.

The Articles of Incorporation may be amended as provided in Article 1396-4.02 of Vernon's Annotated Civil Statutes of the State of Texas.

ARTICLE XV.

This corporation shall have the general powers as authorized under Article 1396-2.02, Vernon's Annotated Civil Statutes of Texas, also known as the Non-Profit Corporation Act of the State of Texas, and furthermore, without limiting any other power or authority which this corporation shall have pursuant to the Texas Non-Profit Corporation Act, this corporation shall have the power in connection with the performance, furtherance and realization of its purposes, to engage in and participate in, and to be a party to, and a general partner, limited partner, member or manager of, joint stock companies, joint stock associations, limited partnerships, general partnerships, joint ventures, and other forms of association or organization with one or more other parties, persons, corporations or associations.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hands this the 20th day of February , 1973.


DR. HECTOR P. GARCIA


AMADOR C. GARCIA


NORA GONZALEZ

THE STATE OF TEXAS

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COUNTY OF NUECES

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I, Maria Alma Munoz , a Notary Public, do hereby certify that on this 20th day of February , 1973, personally appeared before me DR. HECTOR P. GARCIA and AMADOR C. GARCIA, who being by me first duly sworn, severally declared that they are the persons who signed the foregoing document as incorporators, and that the statements therein contained are true.

Maria Alma Munoz
Notary Public in and for
Nueces County, Texas

MARIA ALMA MUNOZ

Notary Public in and for Nueces County, Texas
My Commission expires June 1, 19 73

THE STATE OF TEXAS

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I, Maria Alma Munoz , a Notary Public, do hereby certify that on this 20th day of February , 1973, personally appeared before me NORA GONZALEZ, who being by me first duly sworn, declared that she is the persons who signed the foregoing document as incorporator, and that the statements therein contained are true.

Maria Alma Munoz
Notary Public in and for
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