

ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

OF

DEACONS OF DEFENSE AND JUSTICE, INC.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

STATE OF LOUISIANA

PARISH OF OUACHITA

BE IT KNOWN, That on this the 5th day of the Month of March, in the Year of Our Lord, One Thousand Nine Hundred and Sixty-Five:

BEFORE ME, a Notary Public, in and for this Parish and State, personally came and appeared the several parties of full age of majority whose signatures are subscribed, who declared in the presence of the undersigned competent witnesses, that availing themselves of the provisions of Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, Sections 12:101 - 12:155, they do hereby organize a nonprofit corporation as defined in Revised Statute 12:101 (8) under and in accordance with these articles of incorporation.

ARTICLE I. "NAME"

The name of this corporation is "Deacons of Defense and Justice, Inc."

ARTICLE II. "PURPOSES"

This corporation is organized for the following purposes and to carry on the following purposes: To instruct, train, teach and educate Citizens of the United States and especially minority groups in the fundamental principals of the republican form of government and our democratic way of life; to instruct, teach, train and educate said persons in the provisions of the constitution and laws of the United States and the State of Louisiana, as well as the constitution and laws of any other State wherein this corporation may operate; to instruct, teach, train and educate said persons in the use, value and purpose of the ballot and the right to vote; to instruct, teach, train and educate said persons as to the duties and responsibilities of good citizenship relative to the obligation and

of the community to the citizen: To further instruct, teach, train and educate said persons in the value of economic security and in the effective use of their spending power; to inspire in said persons a sense of responsibility and to develop leadership. This corporation has for the further purpose, and is dedicated to, the defense of the civil rights, property rights and personal rights of said people and will defend said rights by any and all honorable and legal means to the end that justice may be obtained. This corporation may establish chapters and conduct its business at any place in this State and elsewhere as permitted by law.

### ARTICLE III. "DURATION"

This corporation shall enjoy corporate existence for a period of ninety-nine (99) years from the date hereof.

### ARTICLE IV. "REGISTERED OFFICE"

The location and post office address of its registered office shall be: Amos Service Station, (rear), Beach Spring Road, Drawer B. Jonesboro, Louisiana.

### ARTICLE V. "REGISTERED AGENTS"

The full names and post office addresses of its registered agents are:

1. Earnest Thomas, P. O. Box 472, Jonesboro, Louisiana.
2. Elmo Jacobs, P. O. Box 124, Jonesboro, Louisiana.

### ARTICLE VI. "BASIS OF ORGANIZATION"

This corporation shall be organized without capital stock and membership shall be evidenced by certificates of membership. The membership shall be constituted and composed of all of the undersigned incorporators and all persons hereinafter who apply for membership and satisfactory show that they are dedicated to the proposition of protecting through any and all legal means those rights granted by appropriate law to all Citizens of the United States of America and particularly members of minority groups and

are accepted as members by a majority of the members of this corporation present and voting at a regular meeting.

ARTICLE VII. "BOARD OF DIRECTORS"

The affairs of this corporation shall be managed by a Board of Directors consisting of five (5) members of this corporation from the time of incorporation until said number is changed by an amendment to the article of by-laws of this corporation and the following shall constitute the first Board of Directors:

1. Percy Lee Bradford P. O. Box 95, Jonesboro, Louisiana
2. Earnest Thomas P. O. Box 492, Jonesboro, Louisiana
3. Charlie White P. O. Box 733, Jonesboro, Louisiana
4. Cosetta Jackson General Delivery, Jonesboro, Louisiana
5. Elmo Jacobs P. O. Box 124, Jonesboro, Louisiana

The qualification, term of office, manner of election, compensation, powers and duties of the directors, the time and place and manner of calling, giving notice and of conducting directors meetings and number of directors which shall constitute a quorum, shall be prescribed by the by-laws.

ARTICLE VIII. "POWER AND CAPACITY"

This corporation shall have the capacity to act possessed by natural person and shall have authority to perform those acts which are necessary and proper to accomplish the purposes expressed or implied in these articles or that may be incidental thereto and shall have all the power, authority and capacity of a nonprofit corporation as provided for by Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, Title 12:101 - 12:155 without limiting said powers, this corporation shall have the power and authority to receive, hold and administer property in trust as provided by law, to sue and be sued in the corporate name, to make and use a corporate seal, to hold, purchase, lease, mortgage, sell and receive by donation or otherwise, real,

personal and mixed property, to borrow money, to issue, negotiate, sell and pledge evidences of indebtedness and to secure same by pledges, deeds of trust or mortgage, of both the whole or any part of the property of this corporation; and to receive, collect and pay out money for the accomplishment of its corporate purposes.

#### ARTICLE LX. "OFFICERS"

The Board of Directors shall elect the following officers: A President, who shall be chairman of the Board of Directors, a vice-President, who shall be Vice-Chairman of the Board of Directors, a Secretary and a Treasurer. The board shall regulate and collect dues from all members according to its by-laws made for said purpose. The Board of Directors may create new offices and regulate the duties of the officers as it may deem advisable. The first officers are:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>OFFICE</u>
1. Percy Lee Bradford	President
2. Earnest Thomas	Vice-President
3. Charlie White	Secretary
4. Cosetta Jackson	Treasurer

#### ARTICLE X.

The Board of Directors shall have the power to make, amend and replace by-laws to govern this corporation provided they are in accordance with and do not conflict with these articles.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, said Incorporators have hereunto signed their names at Monroe, Louisiana, in the presence of Barbara L. Sharp and Geraldine Williams, legal and competent witnesses, and me, said Notary Public, on this the 5th day of March, in the year of Our Lord, One Thousand Nine Hundred and Sixty-Five.

WITNESSES:

/s/ Barbara L. Sharp  
/s/ Geraldine Williams

/s/ Percy Lee Bradford  
/s/ Earnest Thomas  
/s/ Elmo Jacobs  
/s/ Charlie White