

**ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION  
OF  
KARENNI CULTURAL PRESERVATION CENTER**

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These Articles of Incorporation, executed this 15 day of November,  
evidence and certify that the undersigned, hereby commences the formation of a non-stock,  
nonprofit corporation under the laws of the Commonwealth of Kentucky pursuant to KRS  
273.161-273.390 and all amendments hereafter made thereto:

**ARTICLE I  
Name and Principal Office of the Corporation**

The name of this Corporation is **Karenni Cultural Preservation Center, Inc.** The  
mailing address of this Corporation's principal office is:

**1656 Copper Run Way  
Bowling Green, KY 42101**

**ARTICLE II  
Purpose of the Corporation**

The purpose of this Corporation is to operate exclusively for charitable, scientific, literary,  
or educational purposes, within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of  
1986.

The mission of the Corporation is to strengthen the Bowling Green Karenni community's  
unity, traditions and culture through preservation and promotion of cultural and historical events,  
practices, beliefs, language and arts.

In carrying out its exempt purposes, the Corporation shall have all of the powers allowed  
nonprofit corporations by Chapter 273 of the Kentucky Revised Statutes to such extent that such  
powers do not violate Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

### **ARTICLE III**

#### **Operations Prohibitions**

No part of the net earnings of the Corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to, its 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 these Articles of Incorporation. No substantial part of the activities of the Corporation shall include the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the Corporation 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 in these Articles of Incorporation, the Corporation shall not carry on any activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by a corporation recognized as 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.

### **ARTICLE IV**

#### **Dissolution Clause**

Upon the dissolution of the Corporation, its 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. 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 located, exclusively for such exempt or public purposes or to such organization or organizations, as such court shall determine, which are organized exclusively for such purposes.

## **ARTICLE V**

### **Duration**

The duration of the Corporation shall be perpetual, subject to applicable statutory dissolution provisions.

## **ARTICLE VI**

### **Name and Address of Registered Agent of the Corporation**

The name and address of the initial registered agent of the Corporation is:

**April Memeh  
1656 Copper Run Way  
Bowling Green, KY 42101**

## **ARTICLE VII**

### **Name and Addresses of Incorporator**

The name and address of the Incorporator of the Corporation is:

**April Memeh  
1656 Copper Run Way  
Bowling Green, KY 42101**

## **ARTICLE VIII**

### **Members of the Corporation**

The Corporation shall not have members.

## **ARTICLE IX**

### **Bylaws**

The initial bylaws of the Corporation shall be adopted by the Corporation's Board of Directors. The power to alter, amend or repeal the bylaws or adopt new bylaws shall be vested in the Corporation's Board of Directors. The bylaws may contain any provision for the regulation

and management of the affairs of the Corporation not inconsistent with law of these Articles of Incorporation.

## **ARTICLE X**

### **Board of Directors**

The affairs of the Corporation shall be managed by a Board of Directors. Directors need not be residents of the Commonwealth of Kentucky. The bylaws of the Corporation may prescribe other qualifications for directors. The number of directors of the Corporation shall not be less than three (3). Subject to such limitation, the number of directors shall be fixed by the bylaws, except as to the number of the initial Board of Directors which number shall be set at six (6) directors. The number of directors may be increased or decreased from time to time by amendment of the bylaws; however, no decrease in the number shall have the effect of shortening the term of any incumbent director.

The name and address of the directors constituting the first board of directors, who shall hold office until the first organizational meeting of the Corporation, are:

**Leyda Becker**  
**707 East Main Avenue**  
**Bowling Green, KY 42101**

**Nge Reh**  
**1416 Copper Run Way**  
**Bowling Green, KY 42101**

**Nic Shar**  
**14202 Old Dock Lane**  
**Houston, TX 77090**

**Jennifer Kash**  
**1512 Barnard Way**  
**Bowling Green, KY 42103**

**April Memeh**  
**1656 Copper Run Way**  
**Bowling Green, KY 42101**

**Francis Seh  
418 Day Star Circle  
Bowling Green, KY 42101**

Thereafter, the directors shall be elected or appointed in the manner and for the terms provided in the Corporation's bylaws.

A director may be removed from the Board of Directors by an affirmative 2/3 vote of the directors present at a regular or special called meeting of the Board of Directors.

**ARTICLE XI  
Amendment or Restatement of Articles of Incorporation**

Any amendment to, or restatement of, the Articles of Incorporation shall be adopted upon receiving a vote of a majority of the directors in office who are entitled to vote.

**ARTICLE XII  
Indemnification**

Each person who is or was a director or officer of the Corporation, whether elected or appointed, shall be indemnified by the Corporation to the full amount against any liability, and the reasonable cost or expense (including attorney fees, monetary or other judgments, fines, excise taxes and amounts paid or to be paid in settlement) incurred by such person in such person's capacity as a director or officer, arising out of such person's status as a director or officer; provided, however, no such person shall be indemnified against any such liability, cost or expense incurred in connection with any action, suit, or proceeding in which such person shall have been adjudged liable on the basis that personal benefit was improperly received by such person, or if such indemnification would be prohibited by law. Such right of indemnification shall be a contract right and shall include the right to be paid by the Corporation the reasonable expenses incurred in defending any threatened or pending action, suit, or proceeding. Any repeal or modification of this Article shall not affect any right or obligation then existing. If any indemnification payment

required by this Article is not paid by the Corporation within ninety (90) days after a written claim has been received by the Corporation, the director or officer may at any time thereafter bring suit against the Corporation to recover the unpaid amount and, if successful in whole or in part, such person shall be entitled to be paid also the expense of prosecuting such claim. The Corporation may, but not be obligated to, maintain insurance, at its own expense, to protect itself and any such person against any such liability, cost, or expense, whether or not the Corporation would have the power to indemnify such person against such liability, cost, or expense under the Kentucky Nonprofit Act or under this Article. The indemnification provided by this Article shall not be deemed exclusive of any other rights which those seeking indemnification may have or hereafter acquire under any bylaw, agreement, statute, vote of the Board of Directors, or otherwise. If this Article or any portion thereof shall be invalidated on any ground by any court of competent jurisdiction, then the Corporation shall nevertheless indemnify each such person to the full extent permitted by any applicable portion of this Article, which shall have been invalidated or by any other applicable law.

### **ARTICLE XIII**

#### **Limitation of Director Liability**

No director shall be personally liable to the Corporation for monetary damages for breach of his duties as a director except for liability:

(A) For any transaction in which the director's personal financial interest is in conflict with the financial interests of the Corporation;

(B) For acts or omissions not in good faith or which involve intentional misconduct or are known to the director to be a violation of law; or

(C) For any transaction from which the director derives an improper personal benefit.

If the Kentucky Revised Statutes are amended after approval of this article to authorize corporate action further eliminating or limiting the personal liability of directors, then the liability of a director of the Corporation shall be deemed to be eliminated or limited by this provision to the fullest extent then permitted by the Kentucky Revised Statutes, as so amended. Any repeal or modification of this Article shall not adversely affect any right or protection of a director of the Corporation existing at the time of such repeal or modification.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, witness the signature of the undersigned Incorporator this

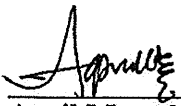
15 day of November, 2023.

  
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APRIL MEMEH, INCORPORATOR

**Consent of Initial Agent for Service of Process**

April Memeh hereby agrees and consents to serve as registered office and agent for service of process of **Karenni Cultural Preservation Center, Inc.**

Date: 11.15.2023

  
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April Memeh, Authorized Representative

This Instrument Prepared By:  
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