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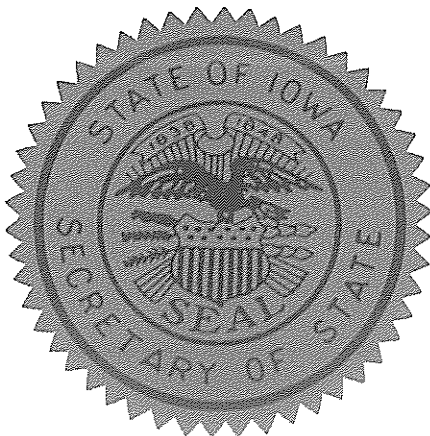
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The Secretary of State acknowledges receipt of the following document:

Articles of Incorporation

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ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION
FOR

FRIENDS OF INDIA ASSOCIATION, CEDAR
RAPIDS

Articles of incorporation of the Friends of India Association, Cedar Rapids, the undersigned who are the initial Members of the Executive Committee of the Association, desiring to form a non-profit corporation under the Iowa non-profit corporation Act, Chapter 504 , 2005, do hereby certify:

Article I: Name

The name of the organization shall be "Friends of India Association, Cedar Rapids." and is hereinafter referred to as the "Association"

Article II: Place

The place in this state where the principal office of the corporation is to be located is the city of Cedar Rapids, Linn County. Address of which as mentioned in Article XVII

Article III: Term

The term for which the Association is to exist is perpetuity.

Article IV: Vision.

To provide identity to cultural roots for the Indian community in Cedar Rapids and surrounding places with in eastern Iowa.

Article V: Nature and Status.

- The Association shall be a not-for-profit organization under the laws of The State of Iowa and The United States Federal Government.
- The Association shall be non-sectarian, non-partisan, and non-commercial
- All State of Iowa and United States Federal Government laws shall preempt provisions mentioned here in this document.
- The association is organized exclusively for charitable, educational and scientific purposes, including, for such purposes, the making of distributions to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations under Section 501(c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

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Article VI: Mission

- Provide a forum for members to meet and exchange views and to provide them with the opportunity to cooperate, participate and take leadership in all activities of the Association;
- Organize cultural entertainment and educational programs for the benefit of the membership and the community;
- Facilitate the ingress of newcomers to the local Indian community by providing them with information regarding housing, health care, schools, etc.;
- Be a representative voice to the local mass media on matter relating to the Indian community;
- Serve as a platform for fundraising for humanitarian causes, such as aid for victims of natural disasters;
- Cooperate with other organizations in programs of common interest;

Support any activity heretofore unlisted, but deemed appropriate by the members of the Association.

Article: VII: Association Activities.

- All activities shall be in keeping with cultural entertainment value, educational value for the benefit members of association and reflecting good image of Indians community in Cedar Rapids community.
- The activities of the Association shall be open to all.

Article: VIII: Tax Exempt Status

No part of the net earnings of the Association shall inure to the benefit of, or distribution to, its members, trustees, officers or other private persons, except that the Association shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distribution in furtherance of the mission set forth in Article VI hereof. No substantial part of the activities of the Association shall include engaging in propaganda or otherwise attempting to influence legislation and the Association shall not participate in, or intervene (including the publishing and distribution of statements) in any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office. Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, the Association 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 provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law, and (b) by an Organization, contribution to which are deductible under section 170 (c) (2) of the Internal Revenue Code or corresponding provision of any future United States federal Tax Code).

Article IX: Structure

The Association shall comprise of the following bodies: General Body, Board of Directors, Executive Committee, and Standing Committees. The Executive Committee may appoint Ad-Hoc Committees or Sub-Committees and their chairpersons for special tasks as needed.

Article X: General Body Membership

The General Body shall comprise all the members of the Association in good standing. A member in good standing hereby refers to any person, irrespective of Nationality, Race, Sex, Religion, Caste or Language, who is interested in sharing and caring to promote and/or learn the culture and heritage of India shall qualify for membership, and should sign up for yearly membership by paying membership fees. The categories of membership shall be governed by the By-laws. Each member shall have the right to one vote.

ARTICLE XI: General Body and Amendments

- A. Only the General Body, as the primary organ of the Association, shall be empowered to make or amend the Articles of Incorporation and the By-laws governing the management of the Association.
- B. This Articles of Incorporation and the By-laws may be amended by a motion adopted by a two-third majority vote of the members present and voting at the Annual General Body meeting, provided such an amendment is proposed in writing by a member in good standing and submitted to the Secretary of the Executive Committee at least thirty (30) days prior to the Annual General Body meeting or a special meeting. An amendment shall be effective immediately after its adoption by the General Body.

ARTICLE XII: Remunerations

All services performed by members to the Association shall be done on a voluntary basis. Any exception to this shall be only with prior approval of the Executive Committee

Article XIII: Executive Committee.

The executive committee shall consist of eleven (11) elected members from the general body and elected by the general body. The total number of members serving the executive committee shall not exceed eleven (11). The Executive Committee shall make all the basic policies of the Association in accordance with the Articles of Incorporation and the By-laws of the Association.

All members in good standing are eligible for serving in the Executive Committee. All members of the Executive Committee are eligible for reelection and the term of each member shall be as described in Article V of the By-Laws.

The Executive Committee may fill any vacancy that arises in the committee for the remainder of the term by appointment.

Article XIV: Board of Directors.

Members of the Board of Directors shall consists of following five members of executive committee: Past President, President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer.

Article XV: Funding and Activities

The funds and activities are for the following purposes:

- For cultural activities and community services through annual contributions, large and small donations, and other legal contributions.
- To own, lease, and operate property and equipment and other facilities necessary for accomplishing the Mission of the Association.
- To solicit contributions in the form of donations, gifts and endowments for the use of the Association.
- To establish as a non-profit organization under the general not-for-profit corporation act.

Article XVI: Dissolution

Upon 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, of a public purpose.

Article XVII: Registered Office and Agent.

The initial address of the registered office of the Corporation is 4056 Glass Raod NE, Cedar Rapids, IA 52402

And the initial registered agent at said address is Larry J. Thorson

ARTICLE XVIII: Initial Board of Directors

The number of Initial Directors constituting the Board of Directors is five as of January 1st, 2007 and their names are as follows:

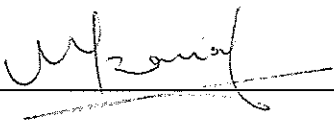
Name.	Address.
Viraj Anavkar (past president)	1855, 39th Street Marion , IA , 52302
Mihir Karia (president)	923 Chesterfield Rd NE, Cedar Rapids, IA 52402
Guna D Gunasekar (vice-president)	2101 Fox Trail Dr. NE Cedar Rapids, IA. 52402
Pavan Omtri (secretary)	3510, Falcon View Rd SW Cedar Rapids, IA. 52404
Pandian Rameswaran (Treasurer)	7021 E Park Rd NE Cedar Rapids,IA 52402

ARTICLE XIX:

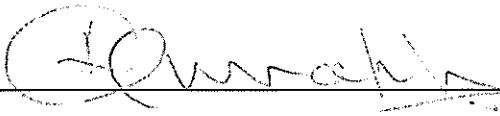
The names and addresses of each incorporator is as follows:

Name.	Address
Mihir Karia	923 Chesterfield Rd NE, Cedar Rapids, IA 52402
Guna D Gunasekar	2101 Fox Trail Dr. NE, Cedar Rapids, IA. 52402

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto subscribed our names this 17th day of APRIL, 2007.



Mihir Karia - President



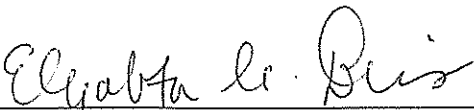
Guna D Gunasekar -Vice President

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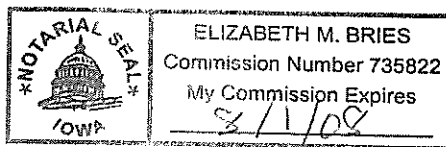
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LINN COUNTY:

On this 17th day of April, 2007, before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for said State, Personally appeared and _____, to me known to be the identical persons named in and who executed the foregoing instrument and acknowledged that they executed the same as their voluntary act and deed.



Notary Public.



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