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**ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION  
OF  
SOUTHWEST INDIAN AGRICULTURAL ASSOCIATION, INC.**

(An Arizona Non-Profit Corporation Pursuant to A.R.S. § 10-3202)

**ARTICLE I**

The Name of the Corporation is the SOUTHWEST INDIAN AGRICULTURAL ASSOCIATION, INC.

**ARTICLE II**

The purpose for which the corporation is organized is exclusively for charitable purposes, including, for such purposes, the making 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.

**ARTICLE III**

The purposes for which the Corporation is organized is to:

1. Promote the conservation, development, and use of Native American agricultural resources located in the southwestern United States.
2. Provide support for agricultural education among Native American youth and encourage Native American students to pursue higher education in agricultural careers.
3. Provide technical assistance and training to Native American agricultural producers to enhance skill sets in owning and operating successful agricultural businesses.
4. Introduce and promote technologies that will improve efficiency and productivity of Native American agricultural resources in the southwestern United States.
5. Support the preservation of Native American traditions, culture and identity through the promotion of traditional agricultural practices.
6. Improve awareness of federal, state and local agricultural programs and assistance available to individual Native Americans and tribes throughout the southwestern United States.

7. Provide a forum for Native American tribes, businesses and individuals to identify issues and exchange ideas and information of mutual concern for Native American agriculture and agribusiness in the southwestern United States.
8. Assist in the development of policies that improve opportunities for Native American agriculture to thrive in the southwestern United States.
9. Advise and work with federal, state, local and tribal governments, educational institutions, businesses, individuals and other organizations to help develop the full potential benefits of Native American agriculture in the southwestern United States.

#### **ARTICLE IV**

No part of the net earning of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its members, 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 Article II. No substantial part of the activities of the corporation shall be 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 any candidate for public office.

Notwithstanding any other provision of these Articles, the corporation shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on: (a) by a corporation exempt from Federal Income Tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the United States Internal Revenue Code (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law) or: (b) by a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under Section 170(c)(2) of the United States Internal Revenue Code (or the corresponding provisions of any future United States Internal Revenue Laws).

#### **ARTICLE V**

Upon the dissolution of the corporation, the Board of Directors shall, after paying or making provision for the payment of all of the liabilities of the corporation, dispose of all its assets exclusively for the purposes of the corporation in such a manner, or to such organizations organized and operated exclusively for charitable, educational, religious or scientific purpose as shall at the time qualify as an exempt organization or organizations under Section 501(c)(3) of the United States Internal Revenue Code (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Laws) as the Board of Directors shall determine. Any such assets not disposed of shall be disposed of by the Superior Court of the county in which the principal office of the corporation is then located, exclusively for such purpose or to such organization or organizations, as said Court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purpose.

## ARTICLE VI

The power of indemnification under the Arizona Revised Statutes shall not be denied or limited by the Bylaws.

## ARTICLE VII

The Board of Directors shall initially consist of eight (8) Directors. The name(s) and addresses of the persons who are to serve as the Directors until their successors are elected and qualified at the first meeting of the Members are:

Homer Marks, Sr.  
HC01 Box 8729  
Sells, Arizona 85634

Andrew Antone Sr.  
P.O. Box 12038  
Casa Grande, Arizona 85130

Gerald Sunna  
P.O. Box 11093  
Bapchule, Arizona 85121

Francisco M. Jose  
P.O. Box 1386  
Sells, Arizona 85634

Robert R. Sotomayor  
2812 W. Rudasill Rd.  
Tucson, Arizona 85741

Timothy Garcia  
P.O. Box 10911  
Casa Grande, Arizona 85130

Dorothy Sunna  
P.O. Box 11093  
Bapchule, Arizona 85121

Jonathan Thomas  
P.O. Box 164  
Laveen, Arizona 85339

The number of persons to serve on the Board of Directors thereafter shall be fixed by the Bylaws.

#### **ARTICLE VIII**

The street address of the known place of business of the Corporation is:

SOUTHWEST INDIAN AGRICULTURAL ASSOCIATION, INC.  
1664 E. Florence Blvd., Suite 4-434  
Casa Grande, Arizona 85122

#### **ARTICLE IX**

The name and address of the statutory agent of the Corporation is:

Robyn L. Interpreter, Esq.  
MONTGOMERY & INTERPRETER, PLC  
3301 E. Thunderbird Rd.  
Phoenix, Arizona 85032

#### **ARTICLE X**

The name and address of the incorporators are:

Homer Marks, Sr.  
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Sells, Arizona 85634

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P.O. Box 12038  
Casa Grande, Arizona 85130

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Sells, Arizona 85634

All powers, duties and responsibilities of the incorporator shall cease at the time of delivery of these Articles of Incorporation to the Arizona Corporation Commission.

#### **ARTICLE XI**

The Corporation is a public benefit corporation.

**ARTICLE XII**

The Corporation shall have Members who shall be entitled to vote to elect the Board of Directors in accordance with the Bylaws of the Corporation.

Executed this 15<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2017 by the incorporators.


Signed:

Dated:



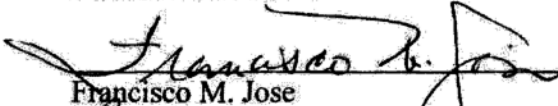
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Homer Marks, Sr.



7-15-2017

Andrew Antone, Sr.



7-15-2017

Francisco M. Jose



7/15/17

Gerald Sunna

**Acceptance of Appointment By Statutory Agent**

The undersigned hereby acknowledges and accepts the appointment as statutory agent of the above-named Corporation effective this 15<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2017.

Signed:



Robyn L. Interpreter, Esq.

**CERTIFICATE OF DISCLOSURE***Read the Instructions C003!*

1. **ENTITY NAME** – give the exact name of the corporation in Arizona:

Southwest Indian Agricultural Association, Inc.

2. **A.C.C. FILE NUMBER** (if already incorporated or registered in AZ): \_\_\_\_\_

Find the A.C.C. file number on the upper corner of filed documents OR on our website at: <http://www.azcc.gov/Divisions/Corporations>

3. **Check only one of the following to indicate the type of Certificate:**

- Initial (accompanies formation or registration documents)  
 Annual (credit unions and loan companies only)  
 Supplemental to COD filed \_\_\_\_\_ (supplements a previously-filed Certificate of Disclosure)

**4. FELONY/JUDGMENT QUESTIONS:**

Has any person (a) who is currently an officer, director, trustee, or incorporator, or (b) who controls or holds over ten per cent of the issued and outstanding common shares or ten per cent of any other proprietary, beneficial or membership interest in the corporation been:

<p><b>4.1</b> Convicted of a felony involving a transaction in securities, consumer fraud or antitrust in any state or federal jurisdiction within the five-year period immediately preceding the signing of this certificate?</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
<p><b>4.2</b> Convicted of a felony, the essential elements of which consisted of fraud, misrepresentation, theft by false pretenses or restraint of trade or monopoly in any state or federal jurisdiction within the five-year period immediately preceding the signing of this certificate?</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
<p><b>4.3</b> Subject to an injunction, judgment, decree or permanent order of any state or federal court entered within the five-year period immediately preceding the signing of this certificate, involving any of the following:</p> <p>a. The violation of fraud or registration provisions of the securities laws of that jurisdiction;</p> <p>b. The violation of the consumer fraud laws of that jurisdiction;</p> <p>c. The violation of the antitrust or restraint of trade laws of that jurisdiction?</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
<p><b>4.4</b> If any of the answers to numbers 4.1, 4.2, or 4.3 are <b>YES</b>, you <b>MUST</b> complete and attach a Certificate of Disclosure Felony/Judgment Attachment form C004.</p>		