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CONSTITUTION
OF
INDIA FOUNDATION OF METROPOLITAN PRINCETON

ARTICLE I

Name and Location

Section 1: The name of this organization shall be " India Foundation of Metropolitan Princeton ". (Hereinafter referred to as Association or IFMP).

Section 2: The Head Office of the Association shall be at such place permitted by the law and the Certificate of Incorporation as may be determined by the Executive Committee. Regional offices may be established at such places as may be determined by the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE II

Objectives

Section 1: The objectives of the Association shall be to achieve the following:

- a. To promote friendly relations among its members, to provide a forum for exchange of ideas and discussions of various problems that confront them and to bond them together for mutual interests.
- b. To promote a better understanding of Indian Culture and Heritage in American Society.
- c. To maintain and develop the interest of the present as well as the future generations in the Heritage of Indian Culture.
- d. To celebrate and participate in social, religious and cultural events.
- e. To provide education of Indian Languages to present as well as future generations.
- f. To build a Community Center.

Section 2: The Association shall be non-profit and non-sectarian in charter.

Section 3: The Association may own assets and shall raise funds by means of membership dues, donations, grants, admission fees and borrowing in order to implement the stated objectives of this article. The Association may not engage in commercial activities unless they are ancillary or incidental to the non-profit character of the Association.

Section 4: The Association shall cooperate and coordinate with other organizations, having similar objectives, within U.S.A. and actively take part in all efforts for attainment of the stated objectives of this article.

ARTICLE III

Membership

Section 1: A family unit consisting of a single individual or a married couple, together with their unmarried children 21 years of age or younger or full time student, unmarried brother (s)/sister (s) 21 years of age or younger or full time student, and retired parent (s) all living at the same address shall be eligible for one family membership. The family membership shall be registered in the name of the head of the family unit. A member of the Association is any person belonging to a family unit possessing family membership.

Section 2: Membership is subject to the approval of the Executive Committee. The procedure of such approval is the same as that used to amend or change constitution as described in Article VIII hereafter.

Section 3: Membership is attained by payment of dues as established by the Association. The tenure of membership shall be from January 1st to December 31st of the year of enrollment, irrespective of the date of enrollment.

ARTICLE IV

Board of Trustee

Section 1: Board of Trustee shall consist of five members of the Association selected by the Executive Committee. Trustees must be residents of State of New Jersey or Pennsylvania.

Section 2: The tenure of the Trustee shall be ^{five} ~~four~~ years beginning with January 1st and ending on the December 31st of the fourth year. The tenure of a Trustee will also expire when he/she resigns, ceases to be a member of the Association, or ceases to be a resident of State of New Jersey or Pennsylvania. The vacancy for the position with the Board of Trustees shall be filled through selection by the Executive Committee.

Section 3: The Board of Trustees shall have the authority to freeze all assets and activities of the Association if such circumstances arise that they deem detrimental to the Association. The Board of Trustees shall convene a meeting of the General Body within four weeks of such action of freezing the assets and activities to recommend dissolution of the Executive Committee to the General Body. In such event, the Association shall reimburse the Board

of Trustees all the reasonable expenses necessary to hold the General Body meeting. The General Body then shall decide by at least two thirds vote of the members present at the meeting whether to dissolve the current Executive Committee and to call for an election of a new Executive Committee.

Section 4: The Board of Trustees shall convene for a meeting in case of an emergency and at the request of the majority of the Executive Committee.

They can also demand an emergency meeting of the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE V

Officers and Executive Committee

Section 1: The management of the Association shall be vested in the Executive Committee which will consist of a minimum of ten and a maximum of twenty five members.

Section 2: The officers shall consist of a President, Vice President(s) a Secretary, Joint Secretary(ies), a Treasurer, and Joint Treasurer(s). The officers shall be elected by the Executive Committee. The Candidates for the office of the President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer must have been members of the Executive Committee for a period of at least twelve months prior to the election. In the event such candidate(s) are not available for any of these positions, this twelve months requirement shall be waived for that particular position(s). The officers shall perform the duties customary to their offices as stipulated by Article v of the By-Laws of the Association.

Section 3: If any member of the Executive Committee resigns, remains absent from three consecutive meetings of such committee without a reasonable reason, or ceases to be a member, the Executive Committee may declare his/her position vacant. The Executive Committee shall have the option to exercise a vote of no confidence on any member of this committee for actions detrimental to the Association and thereby terminate his/her tenure of service by at least two thirds of votes of Executive Committee. Any vacancy in the Executive Committee shall be filled by the President subject to approval by the Executive Committee.

Section 4: The General Body shall have the option to exercise a vote of no confidence on any member of the Executive Committee for actions detrimental to the Association brought to its attention by means of a petition bearing the signatures of at least seventy five members and thereby terminate his/her tenure of service for the remaining Executive Committee term by at least two thirds of the membership vote present at such meeting. Such petition must be submitted in writing to the President at least thirty days prior to the meeting.

ARTICLE VI

Special Committee and Special Officers

Section 1: The President shall appoint, subject to the approval of the Executive Committee, any special committee and/or special officer deemed necessary for the successful operation of the Association and for liason with any other organization. All such committees and officers will be effective until dismissed by the President or his/her successor.

Section 2: All special committee chairpersons and special officers shall present a report of progress, or have it presented, at the Executive Committee meetings.

ARTICLE VII

Interpretation

Section 1: The Executive Committee and the Board of Trustees shall be the final authority in the interpretation of the By-Laws and Constitution of the Association.

ARTICLE VIII

Amendments

Section 1: Any member of the Association may propose an amendment to this constitution by submitting the proposed amendment in writing to the Executive Committee. If approved by the Executive Committee the proposed amendment shall be considered for adoption at the next membership meeting of the Association. A two thirds majority of the ballot vote of the members present at such meeting shall be required for adoption of the proposed amendment.

Section 2: In the event a proposed amendment is not approved by the Executive Committee, it may be submitted for a referendum at a membership meeting by means of a petition bearing the signatures of at least seventy five members. The proposed amendment will be adopted if at least two thirds of the members present there vote by ballot if favor of such an amendment.

Section 3: All members will be notified in writing of the proposed amendment at least seven days prior to presentation at a meeting.

ARTICLE IX

Liability

Section 1: At no time, shall a member, or his/her guests and invited guests or any institution bring legal action against the Association

or any of its Executive Committee members or Officers or members of the Board of Trustees for any personal injury sustained by them or for any personal property damage incurred by them while participating in, attending or conducting any of the activities sponsored by the Association.

ARTICLE X

Dissolution

Section 1: In the event that the Association has to be dissolved, the procedure for the dissolution shall be as follows:

- a. A meeting of the Board of Trustees and the Executive Committee shall be called at the Head Office of the Association to consider the dissolution of the Association and Resolution to dissolve the Association shall be passed by at least two thirds majority vote of the members present at this meeting.
- b. The resolution to dissolve the Association, as passed by the Board of Trustees and the Executive Committee shall then be presented at a Membership meeting. The Resolution shall be adopted by a two thirds majority vote of the members present at such meeting.
- c. After the Resolution to dissolve the Association has been adopted, all bank accounts shall be terminated and all tangible and non-tangible assets shall also be liquidated. All funds thus available, after payment of expenses of the dissolution and unpaid bills, shall be donated by the Board of Trustees to a national non-profit, charitable or religious organization of Asian-Indian origin and located within USA with the specific condition to use that money for advancing the cause of Asian-Indian community in USA or for achieving the objectives set forth in Article II of the Constitution.

AMENDMENTS TO
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ARTICLE II

Section 1:

a. To promote friendly relations among its members, to provide a forum for exchange of ideas and discussions of various problems that confront them and to provide necessary assistance and guidance to them and to bond them together for mutual interests.

ARTICLE IV

Board of Trustees

Section 1: Board of Trustees shall consist of three to five members of the Association [s]elected by the Executive Committee. T[t]rustees must be residents of the States of New Jersey or Pennsylvania, and must have been members of the Association for a period of at least four years prior to their election. The Board shall be a permanent body with one member retiring at the end of every year and a new member joining at the beginning of the year.

Section 2: The tenure of the Trustee shall be [four] five beginning with January 1st and ending on [the] December 31st of the [fourth] fifth year. The tenure of a Trustee will also expire when he/she resigns, ceases to be a member of the Association, or ceases to be a resident of the State of New Jersey or Pennsylvania. The vacancy for the position [with the Board of Trustees] for the remainder of the term shall be filled through selection by the Executive Committee.

Section 3: The Board new Executive Committee.

Section 4: The Board of Trustees shall convene for a [metting] meeting in case of an emergency and at the request of the majority of the Executive Committee. The Board can also demand an emergency meeting of the Executive Committee.

Section 5: A member of the Board of Trustees shall not be a member of the Executive Committee.

Section 6: The President must submit quarterly financial report to the Board of Trustees. Any expenditure above \$2000 (Two Thousand Dollars) shall be submitted to the Board of Trustees for approval.

ARTICLE V

Section 1: The Management of the Association shall be vested in the Executive Committee which will consist of a minimum of ten and a maximum of [twenty five] fifteen members.

Section 2: The officers shall consist of a President, Vice-President[(s)], a Secretary, a Joint Secretary[(ies)], a Treasurer, and a Joint Treasurer[(ers)]. The Officers shall be elected by the Executive Committee. The candidates for the membership of the Executive Committee must have been members of the Association for a period of at least twelve months immediately prior to the election. Candidates ...Association.

Section 3: If any a member. The Executive votes of the Executive Committee. Such members will be ineligible for election to the Executive Committee for the next two years. Any Committee.

Section 4: The meeting.

Section 5: Members of the Executive Committee will elected by members of the Association at the General Body Meeting held in the last quarter of the preceding year.

Section 6: The President will invite nominations at least one month prior to the election.

ARTICLE VII

Section 1: [The Executive Committee and] T[t]he Board of Association.

ARTICLE XI

Notwithstanding anything said in the above Articles, any Board of Trustees existing on December 31, 1995 will be dissolved and a new Board constituted on January 1, 1996. The members of the new Board will be elected in November 1995 by the Executive Committee of the year 1995. The Executive Committee will elect three members to the Board, who will serve terms as follows:

- (i) One member will be elected for a three-year term -- January 1, 1996 to December 31, 1998;
- (ii) One member will be elected for a four-year term -- January 1, 1996 to December 31, 1999;
- (iii) One member will be elected for a five year term -- January 1, 1996 to December 31, 2000.

Thereafter, one member of the Board of Trustees will be elected in November of every year to a five-year term, commencing on January 1 of the following year.

There will be no retirement from the Board of Trustees in 1996 and 1997. The Board shall consist of three members in the year 1996 and of four members in the year 1997. The Executive Committee of 1996 may, by a majority vote, overrule the requirement of this paragraph by electing

- (i) one additional member to a one-year term -- January 1, 1996 to December 31, 1996
- and/or (ii) one additional member to a two-year term -- January 1, 1996 to December 31, 1997.

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AMENDMENTS TO BY-LAWS

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ARTICLE I

Underline "Section 3"

Section 1: [Membership] A General Body M[me]eting shall be held at least once a year at a time and place designated by the Executive Committee. Election shall be held every two years during the General Body Meeting held in the last quarter of the year [the end of the year time of membership meeting]. To vote, a person should have been a member of the Association since the first of the year in which election takes place.

ARTICLE II

Section 4: Notice of the Executive Committee [meetings] meetings shall be

ARTICLE III

Add at the end of Section 1:

To vote for officers, a person should have been in the Executive Committee since the first of the year in which election takes place.

ARTICLE IV

Section 5: The Joint [Secretaty(ies)] Secretary and the Joint Treasurer[(s)] shall be