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CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION

OF

CASA DOS ACORES, INC.

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In the office of the Secretary of State  
of the State of California

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ARCH FONG EU, Secretary of State

*James C. Davis*  
Deputy

We, the undersigned, desiring to form a membership corporation pursuant to the NON-PROFIT CORPORATION LAW OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA, do hereby state:

- 1) NAME: The name of the proposed corporation shall be CASA DOS ACORES, INC.
- 2) PURPOSE: The purposes for which said corporation is organized are as follows:
  - a) To preserve and promote the Portuguese (Azorean) culture in California by sponsoring recreational, sporting, and cultural activities.
  - b) To provide a center of assistance to the Portuguese immigrants, specifically those from the Azores Islands.
  - c) To bring to the Azorean people in California the social benefits and pleasures of the above described activities.
- 3) POWERS: The powers of the corporation shall be as follows:
  - a) To own and hold and/or lease, purchase, mortgage, sell or otherwise dispose of, in its name, personal and real property for use in connection with the functions and activities which are only in the interest of the corporation; and the corporation shall act as a non-profit-making enterprise;
  - b) To promulgate rules and regulations governing the rights and activities of its members; and
  - c) To carry on any other business not herein specifically mentioned and not inconsistent with the non-profit corporation law of California in furtherance of the purpose of this corporation.
- 4) AREA: The operations and/or activities of this corporation are principally to be conducted in the COUNTIES OF MERCED AND STANISLAUS.
- 5) OFFICE: The office of this corporation is to be located at the SACRED HEART CHURCH in the CITY OF TURLOCK, COUNTY OF STANISLAUS, STATE OF CALIFORNIA.

BYLAWS  
OF  
CASA DOS ACORES INCORPORATED

FIRST CHAPTER

ARTICLE I NAME:

(Section 1.01) The name of this association shall be Casa dos Acores Incorporated as filed in the office of the Secretary of the State of California, December 20, 1977; certificate number: 834533.

ARTICLE II SEAL:

(Section 2.01) The seal of the association shall be circular with the design of a Hawk (Acorn), nine stars, and the words, "Casa dos Acores Incorporated".

ARTICLE III OBJECTS:

(Section 3.01) The objects of this association shall include:

- (a)
- (b)
- (c)

ARTICLE IV EXECUTIVE BOARD:

(Section 4.01) The officers and the directors of this association shall constitute the Executive Board.

(Section 4.02) The officers of this association shall be a President, a Vice-President, a first and second Secretary, a Treasurer and four Directors. These officers shall perform the duties prescribed by these bylaws and by the adopted parliamentary authority.

(a) The President shall be the chief executive of this association, charged with the duty of supervising all of its functions subject to the control of the Executive Board.

He shall be ex officio a member of all committees.

~~(b) In the President's absence or in the event of his inability to act, the Vice-President shall perform the duties of the President. He shall also perform other duties as assigned by the President and the Executive Board.~~

(c) The Secretary shall conduct the correspondence of the association, issue notices, keep minutes of all meetings of the association, be custodian of the records, keep the roll of all members and discharge such other duties as assigned by the President or Executive Board.

(d) The Treasurer shall have charge of all the funds and property of the association, which shall be disbursed by him only upon the order of the Board of Directors. He shall submit an annual financial report for the preceding year and shall render other reports whenever requested by the President or the Executive Board. He shall deposit all funds in the name of the association in the bank designated by the Executive Board.

(e) The Directors shall be Chief Executive of their designated committees.

(Section 4.03) The officers and directors shall be elected at the annual meeting by a plurality vote of the members there present. A nominating committee of five members shall be elected by the association to nominate candidates. Additional nominations from the floor shall be permitted.

(Section 4.04) The officers and directors shall be elected by ballot to serve for two years and their term of office shall begin at the close of the annual meeting at which they are elected.

(Section 4.05) No member shall be eligible to serve more than two terms in the same office. By process of lottery, four of the first elected officers will serve only a one year term.

(Section 4.06) The first officers shall serve until the election of their successors at the first annual convention in 1979.

(Section 4.07) The membership of any officer shall automatically terminate:

(a) On his written request for termination delivered to the President, Vice-President, or Secretary of the association.

(b) On his failure to pay an imposed fine.

(c) Any willful failure or refusal to abide by these bylaws, or any other rules of this association.

(d) Failure to attend three consecutive or a total of five meetings during a year's period.

(e) Any conduct that brings the association into public disrepute or violates the purposes of this association.

(f) Any other "good cause" as established by the Executive Board.

(g) C, e and f above will require discussion by the Executive Board and a 2/3 vote for expulsion.

(h) All rights and interests of an officer in the association shall cease as officer and member upon termination of membership.

(Section 4.08) All vacancies shall be filled at the next regular meeting or special meeting by 2/3 vote of the Executive Board.

(Section 4.09) All officers shall serve without compensation, except that the officers shall be allowed and paid the actual and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of his duties.

ARTICLE V MEETINGS:

(Section 5.01) The regular meetings of the organization shall be held on the first and third \_\_\_\_\_ of each month unless otherwise ordered by the Executive Board.

(Section 5.02) Failure to attend a meeting without "just cause" will constitute a \$10.00 fine "just cause" shall be determined by 2/3 of a quorum.

(Section 5.03) Failure to attend three consecutive or five alternate meetings during the course of a year will cause reason for removal from board.

(Section 5.04) Special meetings can be called by the President, the President and one officer and a director, or 1/3 of Executive Board.

(Section 5.05) The majority in person of all officers of this corporation shall be necessary to constitute a quorum.

(Section 5.06) All meetings of this association shall be governed by parliamentary authority as contained in the current edition of "Robert's Rules of Order" where it is not inconsistent with these bylaws.

(Section 5.07) All meetings of this association shall be conducted in Portuguese with English translation to be made available upon request.

ARTICLE VI COMMITTEES:

Section 6.01) The association will contain the four following committees:

- (a) Membership Committee
- (b) Social and Cultural Committee
- (c) Sports Committee
- (d) Judiciary Committee

(Section 6.02) The chairpersons of the committees listed in Section \_\_\_\_\_ shall be the directors that do not hold office in the association.

ARTICLE VII INSTRUMENTS:

(Section 7.01) By 2/3 vote of the Executive Board an officer of the association may be authorized to enter into a contract and deliver any instrument in the behalf of the association.

(Section 7.02) Checks, drafts, promissory notes, or other order for payment of indebtedness of this association shall be signed by the Treasurer, the President and/or Vice-President.

(Section 7.03) Three trustees will be appointed by the Executive Board to review all orders of payment before being submitted for vote by Executive Board.

ARTICLE VIII BYLAWS:

(Section 8.01) These bylaws shall become effective on their being signed by the original officers named in the Certificate of Incorporation.

ARTICLE VIII CONT'D.

(Section 8.02) These bylaws can be amended at the annual meeting by 2/3 vote of the members there present, provided the amendments have been submitted sixty (60) days before the meeting. Executive Board will in all instances make recommendations to the general assembly.

(Section 8.03) Amendments may be made by the original Executive Board by 2/3 vote prior to the first annual convention (1979), provided amendments are submitted in writing at the previous regular meeting.

ARTICLE IX CONSTRUCTION:

(Section 9.01) As used in these bylaws:

- (a) The future tense includes the present.
- (b) The masculine gender includes the feminine.
- (c) The singular number includes the plural and the plural number includes the singular.
- (d) The word "shall" is mandatory and the word "may" is permissive.
- (e) The word "officers" is used to refer to the President, Vice-President, Treasurer and also to refer to the Executive Board as a whole.