

ARTICLES OF AMENDMENT

for a

MARYLAND NON-STOCK CORPORATION

(1)

(2) **THE LEARNERS LAB FOUNDATION (TLLF), INC. (D16166209)**

a Maryland corporation, certifies to the State Department of Assessments and Taxation of Maryland that the charter of the corporation shall be and hereby is amended as follows:

(3) (a) to be henceforth known as

ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT FOUNDATION FOR EXEMPT STARTUPS & SMALL BUSINESSES (EEF-501c), INC.

(b) continue as a Maryland Non-Stock Corporation using its current NTEE/NAIC/SIC Codes

This amendment of the charter of the corporation has been approved by

(4) **Founder, CEO & Board Chair****Interim Advisory Council Members (Board)**

The undersigned acknowledges that this is an act of the above-named corporation, and verifies, under the penalties for perjury, that the matters and facts stated herein, which require such verification, are true and accurate, to the best of his/her knowledge, information, and belief.

(5) **Jerri D Thomas,**
Founder&CEO
 ATTESTED TO BY (signature/title)

Digitally signed by Jerri D Thomas,
 Founder&CEO
 Date: 2024.02.09 18:52:44 -05'00'

(5) **Sandra Whitaker-**
Bryant, Ph.D/CFO
 SIGNED BY WITNESS (signature/title)

Digitally signed by Sandra
 Whitaker-Bryant, Ph.D/CFO
 Date: 2024.02.11 15:21:51 -05'00'

(6) Return address of filing party:

Jerri D. Thomas, Founder, CEO & Chair
Economic Empowerment Foundation for**Exempt Startups & Small Businesses (EEF-501c), Inc.**
6511 Princess Garden Parkway**Collamore Bldg #202, Interim HQ**
Lanham-Seabrook, Maryland 20706

STATE OF MARYLAND

Department of Assessments and Taxation

I, MICHAEL L. HIGGS OF THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF ASSESSMENTS AND TAXATION OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND, DO HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE DEPARTMENT, BY LAWS OF THE STATE, IS THE CUSTODIAN OF THE RECORDS OF THIS STATE RELATING TO THE FORFEITURE OR SUSPENSION OF CORPORATIONS, OR THE RIGHTS OF CORPORATIONS TO TRANSACT BUSINESS IN THIS STATE, AND THAT I AM THE PROPER OFFICER TO EXECUTE THIS CERTIFICATE.

I FURTHER CERTIFY THAT **ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT FOUNDATION FOR EXEMPT STARTUPS & SMALL BUSINESSES (EEF-501C), INC. (D16166209)**, INCORPORATED OCTOBER 30, 2014, IS A CORPORATION DULY INCORPORATED AND EXISTING UNDER AND BY VIRTUE OF THE LAWS OF MARYLAND AND THE CORPORATION HAS FILED ALL ANNUAL REPORTS REQUIRED, HAS NO OUTSTANDING LATE FILING PENALTIES ON THOSE REPORTS, AND HAS A RESIDENT AGENT. THEREFORE, THE CORPORATION IS AT THE TIME OF THIS CERTIFICATE IN GOOD STANDING WITH THIS DEPARTMENT AND DULY AUTHORIZED TO EXERCISE ALL THE POWERS RECITED IN ITS CHARTER OR CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION, AND TO TRANSACT BUSINESS IN MARYLAND.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I HAVE HEREUNTO SUBSCRIBED MY SIGNATURE AND AFFIXED THE SEAL OF THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF ASSESSMENTS AND TAXATION OF MARYLAND AT BALTIMORE ON THIS MARCH 03, 2024.



Michael L. Higgs
Director



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CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION

CHARITABLE ORGANIZATION

WHEREAS The Maryland Solicitations Act (Business Regulation Article, Title 6 of the Annotated Code of Maryland) requires certain parties to register in this state;

WHEREAS has submitted an application and the proper forms for registration; and

WHEREAS said application has been reviewed and found to be complete and acceptable for registration under Title 6 of the Business Regulation Article of the laws of Maryland,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDERED that:

Economic Empowerment Foundation for Exempt Startups & Small Businesses (EEF-501c), Inc.

6511 Princess Garden Parkway

Lanham, Maryland 20706

is hereby registered with the Secretary of State of Maryland as a Charitable Organization.



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Seal of the Secretary of State at Annapolis, Maryland on July 30, 2024

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Susan C. Lee".

Susan C. Lee

Secretary of State

Registration Number: 38901

Internal Revenue Service
TE/GE, Exempt Organizations
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