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ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION – NOT FOR PROFIT – FLORIDA

ARTICLE I NAME

Castañer Digital Inc.

ARTICLE II PRINCIPAL OFFICE

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ARTICLE III PURPOSE

To preserve and make available to the public the heritage (art, music, culture, traditions and history) of the people of Castañer, P.R.

ARTICLE IV MANNER OF ELECTION

The executive Director will initially appoint the directors and officers. Thereafter directors will be appointed whenever one resigns or needs to be replaced because of improper conduct.

ARTICLE V INITIAL DIRECTORS AND/OR OFFICERS

ARTICLE VI INITIAL REGISTERD AGENT AND STREET ADDRESS

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ESTENDED NAME

Castañer Digital, Inc.
Fundacion para la conservacion cultural e historico de la comunidad de Castañer
Foundation for the preservation of the culture and history of Castañer.

Preamble/History for Castañer Digital

In the year 2006 through the efforts of Richard Groff, a website dedicated to preserving the cultural and historical heritage of Castañer, P.R. As time passed the site grew in popularity and although many people helped gather content, the main effort of archiving this data was still Richard's responsibility. It is becoming necessary to expand and have a more formal structure that does not depend solely upon one person.

Castañer is a small community in the center of the island of Puerto Rico. It is surrounded by rough mountainous terrain. Because of the isolation and difficulty in reaching this area, it was the last refuge of the Puerto Rican Indians (this area is called the Indieras). It was slow to develop and in the 1930s the PRRA (Puerto Rico Reconstruction Agency) established a community here. Due to WW2 this effort was interrupted and the government enlisted the help of several churches (Quakers, Mennonites and Church of the Brethren) The Church of the Brethren established a hospital there because of Castañer's isolation, building upon what the PRRA had started. The Hospital expanded and is now a modern hospital serving the Castañer area.

Castañer was initially known as Los Rabanos, the name was changed to reflect the original owners of the large farm that was the center of this area. The center of town is still called Los Rabanos.

Juan Castañer had a large farm in this area. It had started in 1868 as a small parcel of land that grew to a maximum of 2,441.25 "cuerdas" (cuerda is slightly less than 1 acre) by 1914 of which 1,500 were dedicated to coffee.

In the decade of 1930s the descendants of don Juan Castañer sold the hacienda Castañer to the Puerto Rican Government. This was parceled out to the previous workers of the farm and to the local population of the barrio Bartolo of Lares. The population started settling near the old hacienda buildings, thus starting the nucleus of the community that will become Castañer.

Major changes occurred during the 30's, 40's and 50's. A lot of the generation instrumental in this process is now at an age where they are passing away. An effort must be undertaken to preserve their memories and knowledge for the following generations.