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CONSTITUTION OF THE ASSOCIATION OF NIGERIANS IN THE CAPITAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK

PREAMBLE: We the Nigerian people of the Capital District, dedicated to the unity, progress and strength of our community, do hereby accept and subscribe to this constitution

ARTICLE I - NAME

The name of this organization shall be the " Association of Nigerians in the Capital District of the State of New York," (Acronym: ANCD-NY) and shall herein after be referred to in this document as "The Association."

ARTICLE II - PURPOSE

- A.** To dedicate ourselves to the unity, progress and strength of our Association and the community, and to promote the general welfare of members
- B.** To keep the community clearly and reliably informed about Nigeria and its people.
- C.** To organize and implement social, cultural and educational activities that meet the needs and interests of members.
- D.** To work cooperatively with public and private agencies, business, industry, and community organizations to share information, exchange ideas on issues of interest to members and the community.

ARTICLE III - MISSION

The mission of this Association shall be to promote programs that reflect the aspirations of the Nigerian people with the hope of drawing Nigerians in the Capital District closer to their heritage.

ARTICLE IV - MEMBERSHIP

All people of Nigerian descent and those who have interest or commitment to Nigeria and/or Nigerians in accordance with the provisions stated in the **By-Laws** shall be eligible for membership.

ARTICLE V - DUES

Dues for membership shall be established in the **By-Laws**.

ARTICLE VI - STRUCTURE OF THE ASSOCIATION

The Association shall be composed of an **Executive Council** and an **Advisory Council**. The duties and composition of the Executive Council and the Advisory Council shall be as established in the **By-Laws**.

ARTICLE VII - EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

The Executive Council shall be the governing body of the Association and shall consist of the officers.

ARTICLE VIII - OFFICERS

The officers of the Association shall be the President, Vice President, Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Treasurer and Public Relations Officer.

ARTICLE IX - ADVISORY COUNCIL

The Advisory Council shall be established to offer counsel and advice to the President and the Executive Council.

ARTICLE X – PROCEDURE

A parliamentary procedure shall be in use as the order of business for the Association, ANCD-NY.

ARTICLE XI - ELECTION

Election of officers for the Association shall be in accordance with the **By-Laws**.

ARTICLE XII - MEETINGS

A. The **Executive Council** shall meet at least four (4) times a year in tri-monthly intervals. Other meetings shall be at the discretion of the president.

B. The **Advisory Council** shall meet as necessary independently or in conjunction with the Executive Council.

C. **October Special Event Meeting** shall take place in October preferably the first Saturday in October as Nigeria's Independence Day is October 1st.

D. **End of Year General Meeting** shall take place in December. Members shall decide the date, time and place for the meeting.

E. **Regular General Meeting** shall be a minimum of one meeting every other month except as otherwise directed by the Executive Council.

ARTICLE XIII - AMENDMENTS

A. Amendment/s to this Constitution may be initiated by the Executive Council or by a petition signed by one-fifth of the active members of the Association, 90 days prior to the End of Year Meeting.

B. The Executive Council shall transmit said amendment/s to the Advisory Council for input no later than 45 days prior to the End of Year Meeting.

C. The Constitution can be amended by a **two-thirds vote** of the general

membership.

D. The Constitutional revision/s or amendment/s shall become effective 30 days from the date approved.

ARTICLE XIV - IMPEACHMENT

A **two-thirds vote** by members at a Regular General Meeting shall be required to establish an impeachment procedure.

ARTICLE XV - DISSOLUTION

In the event of the dissolution of the Association, the assets of the Association shall be distributed in accordance with the provisions in the articles of incorporation for a 501(c)(3) organization.

ARTICLE XVI - BY-LAWS

The **By-Laws** of the Association shall be consistent with the Constitution.

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Adopted by the general membership.....

Amended.....

President _____ Date _____

Vice President _____ Date _____