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CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION

OF

AMERICAN SUFI MUSLIM ASSOCIATION

under section 402 of the NOT-FOR-PROFIT CORPORATION LAW of the

State of New York



The undersigned, a natural person of the age of eighteen or over, desiring to form a corporation pursuant to the Not-for-Profit Corporation Law of the State of New York, does hereby certify:

1. The name of the corporation is American Sufi Muslim Association.
2. The Corporation is a corporation as defined in subparagraph (a) (5) of Section 102 of the Not-for-Profit Corporation Law and is a Type B corporation under Section 201 of the Not-for-Profit Corporation Law.
3. The Corporation is formed for the purposes of enhancing the general public's knowledge and understanding of Islam and Sufism in particular and promoting personal and spiritual growth and development through meditation and prayer. In furtherance of the foregoing religious and charitable purposes, the corporation shall:
  - a. Sponsor and conduct meetings, workshops, lectures and special events in the community at which knowledgeable individuals will speak regarding the practices, tenets and beliefs of Islam and Sufism in particular;
  - b. Hold and conduct meditation and prayer sessions to awaken and further develop awareness of and connection with the presence of the Divine;
  - c. Promote, cultivate, develop and advance the public interest in, appreciation and understanding of Islam and spiritual matters; and
  - d. Conduct any and all lawful activities which may be useful in accomplishing the foregoing purposes.

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4. In furtherance of the foregoing purposes, the Corporation shall have all the general powers enumerated in Section 202 of the Not-for-Profit Corporation Law together with the power to solicit grants and contributions for any corporate purpose and the power to maintain a fund or funds of real or personal property for any corporate purposes. The Corporation shall have the right to exercise all other powers which are, or hereafter may be, conferred by law upon a corporation organized for the above purposes or incidental to the conferred powers.
5. Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, the Corporation is organized exclusively for religious and charitable purposes, as specified in Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as it may be amended, and shall not carry on any activities not permitted to be carried on by a corporation exempt from Federal income tax under Section 501(c)(3).
6. The Corporation is not formed for pecuniary profit or for financial gain and no part of its assets, income or profit shall be distributed to or inure to the benefit of any private individual. Reasonable compensation, however, may be paid for services rendered to or for the Corporation in furtherance of one or more of its purposes.
7. Nothing herein shall authorize the Corporation, directly or indirectly, to engage in or include among its purposes any of the activities mentioned in Section 404(b) through (v) of the Not-for-Profit Corporation Law.
8. No substantial part of the activities of the Corporation shall be devoted to carrying on propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation (except to the extent authorized by Internal Revenue Code Section 501(h) as amended, or the corresponding provision of any future United States internal revenue law, during any fiscal year or years in which the Corporation has chosen to utilize the benefits authorized by that statutory provision), and the Corporation shall not participate in or intervene (including the publishing or distributing of statements) in any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office.



9. The office of the Corporation shall be located in New York County, State of New York. Pursuant to Section 621 of the Not-for-Profit Corporation Law, the books and records of account shall be kept at 227 78th Street, North Bergen, New Jersey 07047.
10. The names and addresses of the initial directors until the first annual meeting, each of whom is of full age, are as follows:

Name	Address
Feisal Abdul Rauf	227 78th Street North Bergen, NJ 07047
Daisy Khan	201 W. 85th Street, #10E New York, NY 10024
Dr. Faiz Khan	240-44 69th Avenue Douglaston, NY 11362

11. The Secretary of State is hereby designated as agent of the Corporation upon whom process against it may be served. The post office address to which the Secretary shall mail a copy of any process against the corporation served upon him is 227 78th Street, North Bergen, New Jersey 07047.
12. In the event of dissolution, the assets and property of the Corporation remaining after payment of expenses and the satisfaction of all liabilities shall be distributed for the not-for-profit purposes of the Corporation and/or to such religious and charitable organizations as shall qualify under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as it may be amended, in accordance with a plan approved by the Corporation and by a Justice of the Supreme Court of the State of New York.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF this certificate has been signed and the statements made herein affirmed as true under the penalties of perjury this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of July, 1997.

*M. A. Rauf*  
Feisal Abdul Rauf, Incorporator  
227 78th Street  
North Bergen, New Jersey 07047

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STATE OF New York

COUNTY OF New York

On July 2, 1997, before me personally came  
Faisal Abdul Rauf to me known and known to  
me to be the same person described in and who executed the  
foregoing instrument and he duly acknowledged to me that he  
executed the same.

Notary Public

CYNTHIA R. WATKINS  
Notary Public, State of New York  
No. 02-WAB013883

Qualified in New York County  
Commission Expires July 15, 1997

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