

**The State of South Carolina** } **CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION**  
 EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT } **BY-THE SECRETARY OF STATE**

WHEREAS, **JAMILE J. FRANCIS AND H. E. CHRISMAN, JR.**  
 both of **Greenville, S. C.**

two or more of the officers or agents appointed to supervise or manage the affairs of

**OPTIMIST CLUB OF GREENVILLE**  
**(Greenville, S. C.)**

which has been duly and regularly organized, did on the **26th.** day of  
**January**, A. D. **1951** file with the Secretary of State a written declaration setting forth:

That, at a meeting of the aforesaid organization held pursuant to the by-laws or regulations of the said organization, they were authorized and directed to apply for incorporation.

That, the said organization holds, or desires to hold, property in common for Religious, Educational, Social, Fraternal, Charitable or other eleemosynary purpose, or any two or more of said purposes, and is not organized for the purpose of profit or gain to the members, otherwise than is above stated, nor for the insurance of life, health, accident or property; and that three days' notice in the **Greenville Piedmont**, a newspaper published in the County of **Greenville**, has been given that the aforesaid Declaration would be filed.

AND WHEREAS, Said Declarants and Petitioners further declared and affirmed:

FIRST: Their names and residences are as above given.

SECOND: The name of the proposed Corporation is **OPTIMIST CLUB OF GREENVILLE**

THIRD: The place at which it proposes to have its headquarters or be located is **GREENVILLE, S. C.**

FOURTH: The purpose of the said proposed Corporation is to foster and sustain religious and moral life of the community; to maintain the constitutional principles of our government; to promote economic development and cultural growth of the community; and to perform all eleemosynary and civic projects necessary, proper or expedient for these purposes.

FIFTH: The names and residences of all Managers, Trustees, Directors or other officers are as follows:

<b>Jamile J. Francis</b>	<b>Greenville, S. C.</b>	<b>President</b>
<b>L. B. Slay</b>	" "	<b>Vice-President</b>
<b>E. F. Hinton</b>	" "	" "
<b>E. Roy Young</b>	" "	" "
<b>H. E. Chrisman, Jr.</b>	" "	<b>Secretary</b>
<b>W. L. McDaniel</b>	" "	<b>Treasurer</b>
<b>E. C. Bumgardner</b>	" "	<b>Board of Governors</b>
<b>John B. Garrison</b>	" "	" " "
<b>H. Bruce Cheatham, Hoyt. W. Partee</b>	" "	" " "
<b>and Charles A. Tate all of</b>	" "	" " "

SIXTH: That they desire to be incorporated: **in perpetuity**

Now, THEREFORE, I, **O. Frank Thornton**, Secretary of State, by virtue of the authority in me vested, by Chapter 158, Article III, Code of 1942, and Acts amendatory thereto, do hereby declare the said organization to be a body politic and corporate, with all the rights, powers, privileges and immunities, and subject to all the limitations and liabilities, conferred by said Chapter 158, Article III, Sections 8158-8159 and 8168, Code of 1942, and Acts amendatory thereto.

GIVEN under my hand and the seal of the State, at Columbia, this **26th.** day of **January** in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and **fifty-one** and in the one hundred and **seventy-fifth** year of the Independence of the United States of America.

*O. Frank Thornton*  
 Secretary of State.

