

AMERICAN DRUZE SOCIETY

CONSTITUTION

We, Americans of the Druze faith and/or of the Druze descent, in order to perpetuate our cultural and religious heritage in the United States of America and wherever else Druze people may be found, do ordain and establish this constitution of the American Druze Society.

ARTICLE I, NAME AND SCOPE

(1) **NAME.** This organization shall be known as the American Druze Society (hereinafter called "Society").

(2) **SCOPE.** This principal office of the Society shall be operated and maintained in the United States of America with subordinate chapters throughout the world.

ARTICLE II PURPOSES

(1) **PRIMARY.** The primary purposes of the Society are to perpetuate the universal teachings of the Druze faith, the enhancement of fellowship among Druze descendants, the advancement of Druze religious, literary and cultural knowledge through education and research, and the betterment of all Druze people through charitable work.

(2) **GENERAL AND POWERS.** The general purposes and powers of the Society are:

A. To receive and maintain a fund or funds of real or personal property, or both, subject to the restrictions and limitations hereinafter set forth, to use and apply the whole or any part of the income there from and the principal thereof exclusively for charitable, religious, scientific, literary or educational purposes either directly or by contributions to other charitable, religious, scientific, literary or educational organizations.

B. No part of the net earning of the Society shall inure of the benefit of any director or officer of the Society, or any private individual (except that reasonable compensation may be paid for services rendered to or for the Society affecting to one or more of its purposes), and no director or officer of the Society, or any private individual shall be entitled to share in the distribution of any of the Society assets on its dissolution.

C. No substantial part of the activities of the Society shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the Society shall not participate in, or intervene in (including the publication or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office.

D. Notwithstanding any other provision of this constitution, the Society shall not conduct or carry on any activities not permitted to be conducted or carried on by an organization exempt from taxation under the internal revenue code (IRC) and its regulations (REGS.), as amended, or by an organization,

contributions to which are deductible under Section 170(C)(2) of the IRC and REGS., as amended.

E. Upon dissolution of the Society or the winding up of its affairs, the assets of the Society shall be distributed exclusively to charitable, religious, scientific, literary or educational organizations.

ARTICLE III MEMBERSHIP

(1) **ELIGIBILITY.** Any person of the Druze faith or of Druze descent, his or her spouse and their children may become a regular member of the Society.

(2) **CLASSES.** Membership in the Society shall be divided into main classifications: Regular Member and Associate Member.

ARTICLE IV BOARD OF DIRECTORS

(1) **POWERS.** The affairs of the Society shall be managed by its Board of Directors (hereinafter called "Board").

(2) **COMPOSITION AND NUMBER.** The composition and number of the Board shall be in accordance with Article 4 of the Bylaws of the Society.

(3) **QUALIFICATIONS:**

A. The Director of the Council of Presidents and the Directors on the Board shall be regular members of the Society in good standing of whom no less than 75% shall be American citizens or permanent residents of the United States (as defined by the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Laws).

B. The President and Vice- President of the society shall have been a regular member of the society in good standing for not less than three (3) years immediately preceding the Annual Business meeting in which they stand for election. During this period they shall have registered at one annual Convention (or more) and attended at least one annual business meeting of the Society membership. The President and Vice- President of the society shall be an American citizen or a permanent resident of the United States (as defined by the U.S. Immigration and naturalization Laws). *(Amended by two-thirds vote cast by regular members in good standing July 3, 1983)*

(4) **TENURE.** The terms of the President, Vice-President, Director of the Council of Presidents and of the Directors of the Board shall be in accordance with Article 4 of the Bylaws.

ARTICLE V AMENDMENTS

(1) This constitution may be amended only by a regular member in good standing who shall submit any proposed amendment in writing to the president no less than sixty (60) days before the annual business meeting of the members.

(2) The President (or any member of the Board) shall notify the members of any the Society of any properly submitted proposed amendment, and who submitted same, no less than seven (7) days before the annual business meeting.

(3) Any properly submitted amendment should be adopted upon receiving at least two-thirds of the votes cast by the regulars in good standing present at the annual business meeting of the members.

**AMENDED AND ADOPTED ON THE 26TH DAY OF MAY 1979, AT THE
WASHINGTON, D.C ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING.**

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B. Amended to:

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**Amended by two-thirds vote cast by regular members in good standing
July 3, 1983**