

CONSTITUTION OF THE SULTANATE OF AMEXEM

Custodian of the Descendants of the Nation of Moab

Together with the Bylaws of the Sultanate of Amexem

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PREAMBLE

We, the Moorish American people of the Sultanate of Amexem — descendants and successors in interest to the ancient Nation of Moab — gather in fidelity to the principles of Love, Truth, Peace, Freedom, and Justice, and in reverence to Allah, the Most High.

Mindful of our lineage and resolved to preserve it, we establish this Constitution to order our own affairs, to bind ourselves to one another in solidarity, to advance the education, dignity, and well-being of our members, and to advocate lawfully and tirelessly for the rights, recognition, and prosperity of our people.

We affirm our commitment to act at all times within the law, to pursue our aims through peaceful means, civic engagement, and good-faith cooperation with the governments and communities among whom we live, and to conduct ourselves as a people of honor and good standing.

Imploring the guidance of Allah, we do ordain and establish this Constitution as the supreme governing instrument of the Sultanate of Amexem and its members.

ARTICLE I — NAME, NATURE, AND PURPOSE

Section 1. This body shall be known as the **Sultanate of Amexem** (the “Sultanate”), established under the House of Simmons Bey and organized of record in the State of Illinois.

Section 2. The Sultanate of Amexem is the **Custodian of the descendants of the Nation of Moab who modernly identify as Moorish American**. As Custodian, it is dedicated to the preservation, protection, and advancement of their heritage, culture, faith, and identity, and to the stewardship of their shared institutions and affairs.

Section 3. The Sultanate is a self-governing membership body. It exercises governance over its own offices, members, and internal affairs in accordance with this Constitution and applicable law.

Section 4. The purposes of the Sultanate are to:

- (a) preserve and promote the history, culture, and spiritual traditions of the descendants of the Nation of Moab;
- (b) provide and coordinate education, mutual aid, and community development for its members;
- (c) advocate lawfully for the civil and human rights, dignity, and equitable treatment of Moorish Americans;

- (d)organize opportunities in commerce, trade, and economic cooperation for the benefit of its members; and
- (e)build constructive relations with other organizations, communities, and governments.

Section 5. The Sultanate shall pursue all of its purposes through lawful and peaceful means.

ARTICLE II – DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLES

Section 1. The guiding values of the Sultanate are Love, Truth, Peace, Freedom, and Justice. These values shall inform every office, policy, and act undertaken in its name.

Section 2. The Sultanate honors the faith of Islam as the spiritual foundation of its heritage, while guaranteeing to every member the free exercise of conscience and belief.

Section 3. The Sultanate affirms the equal dignity of all its members. No member shall be subjected to discrimination on the basis of creed, ethnic origin, parentage, age, sex, or disability.

Section 4. The Sultanate is committed to non-violence, to the peaceful resolution of disputes, and to lawful conduct in all its dealings, internal and external.

Section 5. The Sultanate shall give particular care to the well-being of its most vulnerable members, and shall at all times uphold and protect the dignity of women and children.

ARTICLE III – MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. Eligibility. Membership in the Sultanate is open to:

- (a)persons born into a recognized member family of the Sultanate; and
- (b)persons who apply for membership, meet the criteria established by the Supreme Grand Council, and agree to the terms, conditions, and obligations of membership.

Section 2. Admission. Applicants shall be admitted upon completion of the application process and acceptance of this Constitution and the governing rules of the Sultanate. The Supreme Grand Council may establish standards, fees, and procedures for admission.

Section 3. Rights of Members. Members in good standing are entitled to:

- (a)participate in the assemblies and civic life of the Sultanate;
- (b)access the educational, cultural, and community programs of the Sultanate;
- (c)seek the advocacy and support of the Sultanate as provided by its offices; and
- (d)hold office in accordance with this Constitution.

Section 4. Duties of Members. Members shall:

- (a)uphold this Constitution and the values of the Sultanate;
- (b)conduct themselves lawfully and honorably;

- (c)contribute to the support of the Sultanate as established by the Council; and
- (d)act in good faith toward fellow members and the broader community.

Section 5. Good Standing, Discipline, and Withdrawal. The Supreme Grand Council shall establish fair procedures for determining good standing, for the suspension or removal of members for cause, and for the voluntary withdrawal of any member. Every disciplinary process shall afford the member notice and an opportunity to be heard.

ARTICLE IV – GOVERNING INSTITUTIONS

Section 1. The Supreme Grand Council. The Supreme Grand Council is the senior governing authority of the Sultanate. It holds final authority over this Constitution, the offices, and the policies of the Sultanate, subject to the rights of the membership reserved herein. The Council is composed of the senior Sheiks and principal officers of the Sultanate.

Section 2. The Grand Body. The Grand Body is the general assembly of the members of the Sultanate. It is the voice of the membership, convened to deliberate on matters of common concern, to ratify amendments to this Constitution, and to exercise such other powers as are reserved to it herein.

Section 3. The Executive Director. The Executive Director is the chief administrative officer of the Sultanate, charged with carrying out the policies of the Supreme Grand Council, chairing and coordinating the Ministerial Board and the Executive Board, and overseeing the day-to-day operations of the Sultanate. The Executive Director serves under the authority of, and is accountable to, the Supreme Grand Council.

Section 4. The Sheiks. The Sheiks are the recognized leaders and elders of the Sultanate. They provide guidance in matters of faith, heritage, and community, and serve in the Supreme Grand Council and in such offices as this Constitution and the Council provide.

Section 5. Selection and Terms. The manner of selection, terms of service, and removal of officers shall be established by the Supreme Grand Council and set forth in the governing rules of the Sultanate, consistent with this Constitution.

ARTICLE V – THE MINISTERIAL BOARD

Section 1. The Ministerial Board is charged with the domestic life of the Sultanate – the service, development, and spiritual and cultural welfare of its members and community.

Section 2. The Ministerial Board shall include responsibility for:

- (a)**Community** – fellowship, mutual aid, and the strengthening of bonds among members;
- (b)**Civics** – civic education, lawful engagement, and participation in public life;
- (c)**Religion** – the practice, teaching, and preservation of the faith;

(d)**Education** — instruction in heritage, history, and the knowledge and skills that advance members; and

(e)**Housing and Welfare** — coordination of support for the shelter, health, and basic well-being of members.

Section 3. The Ministers constitute the membership of the Ministerial Board. They report to the Executive Director and serve under the authority of the Supreme Grand Council.

ARTICLE VI — THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

Section 1. The Executive Board is charged with the external and material affairs of the Sultanate — its commerce, resources, security, and relations with other bodies.

Section 2. The Executive Board shall include responsibility for:

(a)**Trade and Commerce** — the development of lawful economic opportunity and enterprise for the benefit of members;

(b)**Reserves** — the prudent management and stewardship of the funds and resources of the Sultanate;

(c)**Security** — the safety and good order of the Sultanate’s gatherings, offices, and operations, exercised lawfully and in cooperation with public authorities;

(d)**Organization-to-Organization Relations** — the building and maintenance of partnerships, alliances, and good-faith relations with other organizations and institutions.

Section 3. The Executive Officers constitute the membership of the Executive Board. They report to the Executive Director and serve under the authority of the Supreme Grand Council.

ARTICLE VII — FAITH AND HERITAGE

Section 1. The Sultanate draws its spiritual foundation from the faith of Islam and the traditions of its Moorish heritage.

Section 2. The Sultanate guarantees to every member the free exercise of conscience and belief, and shall compel no member in matters of faith.

Section 3. The Sultanate shall preserve its history, customs, language, symbols, and traditions, and shall pass them faithfully to succeeding generations.

ARTICLE VIII — RECORDS, ASSEMBLIES, AND FINANCE

Section 1. The Sultanate shall keep true and orderly records of its membership, offices, proceedings, and finances.

Section 2. The Grand Body and the Supreme Grand Council shall convene regularly, and may convene specially, according to the governing rules of the Sultanate.

Section 3. The funds of the Sultanate shall be devoted solely to its lawful purposes and to the benefit of its members and community, and shall be managed with transparency and accountability.

ARTICLE IX — AMENDMENTS

Section 1. This Constitution may be amended by proposal of the Supreme Grand Council and ratification by the Grand Body, according to the procedures and majorities established in the governing rules of the Sultanate.

Section 2. No amendment shall be valid that would commit the Sultanate to unlawful purposes or means, or that would abandon the founding values set forth in Article II.

ARTICLE X — RATIFICATION AND ADOPTION

This Constitution is hereby adopted as the supreme governing instrument of the Sultanate of Amexem, ordained and established by its founding authority and the assent of its members.

Ordained and promulgated by
His Magnanimous, Sheik Astin Simmons Bey
Founding Noble, Sultanate of Amexem
Adopted this 27th day of May, 2026, at Chicago, Illinois.

BYLAWS OF THE SULTANATE OF AMEXEM

Adopted pursuant to Article IX of the Constitution

ARTICLE 1 – DEFINITIONS

For purposes of the Constitution and these Bylaws, the following terms have the meanings given below. Where a term is capitalized in either document, it carries the meaning defined here.

1.1 “Constitution” means the Constitution of the Sultanate of Amexem, as amended.

1.2 “Bylaws” means these Bylaws of the Sultanate of Amexem, as amended.

1.3 “Sultanate” means the Sultanate of Amexem, the membership body organized of record in the State of Illinois under the House of Simmons Bey.

1.4 “Custodian” means the role and duty of the Sultanate, as set forth in Article I of the Constitution, to preserve, protect, and steward the heritage, culture, faith, identity, and shared affairs of the descendants of the Nation of Moab who modernly identify as Moorish American.

1.5 “Member” means a person admitted to the Sultanate under Article III of the Constitution and Article 2 of these Bylaws, whether by birthright or by application and acceptance of the terms of membership.

1.6 “Member in good standing” means a Member who has satisfied the obligations of membership, including any required contributions, and who is not under suspension or other active discipline.

1.7 “Birthright Member” means a Member admitted by reason of birth into a recognized member family of the Sultanate.

1.8 “Applicant” means a person who has submitted an application for membership and has not yet been admitted.

1.9 “Council” or “Supreme Grand Council” means the senior governing authority of the Sultanate, as established in Article IV of the Constitution.

1.10 “Grand Body” means the general assembly of all Members in good standing.

1.11 “Executive Director” means the chief administrative officer of the Sultanate, appointed by and accountable to the Council.

1.12 “Sheik” means a recognized leader or elder of the Sultanate who provides guidance in matters of faith, heritage, and community, and who may serve on the Council.

1.13 “Officer” means any person holding a defined office under the Constitution or these Bylaws, including the Executive Director, the Ministers, and the Executive Officers.

1.14 “Minister” means an Officer appointed to lead one of the domestic functions of the Sultanate set forth in Article V of the Constitution.

1.15 “Executive Officer” means an Officer appointed to lead one of the external and material functions of the Sultanate set forth in Article VI of the Constitution.

1.16 “Ministerial Board” means the body composed of the Ministers, chaired by the Executive Director, responsible for the domestic life of the Sultanate.

1.17 “Executive Board” means the body composed of the Executive Officers, chaired by the Executive Director, responsible for the external and material affairs of the Sultanate.

1.18 “Board” means the Ministerial Board or the Executive Board, as the context requires.

1.19 “Committee” means any standing or special committee established under Article 7 of these Bylaws.

1.20 “Governing Rules” means the Constitution, these Bylaws, and any policies, procedures, or resolutions duly adopted by the Council.

1.21 “Contributions” means the dues, fees, or other support required of Members as established by the Council.

1.22 “Good faith” means honesty in purpose and conduct, and the absence of intent to deceive, defraud, or take unfair advantage.

1.23 “For cause” means a violation of the Governing Rules, a breach of duty, unlawful conduct, or conduct materially harmful to the Sultanate or its Members.

1.24 “Quorum” means the minimum number of eligible participants required to be present for a body to conduct business validly.

1.25 “Fiscal Year” means the annual accounting period of the Sultanate as set in Article 8 of these Bylaws.

1.26 “Writing” or “written” includes any durable record, whether on paper or in electronic form, capable of being retained and reproduced.

1.27 “Applicable law” means the laws of the State of Illinois and of the United States that govern the Sultanate as an organization.

ARTICLE 2 — MEMBERSHIP

2.1 Classes. The Council may recognize classes of membership (for example, full members, youth members, and honorary members) and define the rights of each. Unless otherwise specified, “member” means a full member in good standing.

2.2 Application. Applicants shall submit the form prescribed by the Council, affirm acceptance of the Constitution and these Bylaws, and satisfy any orientation or eligibility requirements established by the Council.

2.3 Contributions. The Council shall set the schedule of membership contributions and dues, the timing of payment, and any hardship accommodations. No member shall

be denied participation solely for inability to pay where a hardship accommodation applies.

2.4 Good Standing. A member remains in good standing while current on obligations and not under discipline. The Council shall maintain the standard for good standing and a current roll of members.

2.5 Discipline. A member may be suspended or removed for conduct that violates the Constitution, these Bylaws, or the lawful directives of the Sultanate. The process shall include:

- (a) written notice of the alleged violation;
- (b) a reasonable opportunity for the member to respond, in person or in writing;
- (c) a decision by the Council or a committee it designates; and
- (d) a right of appeal to the full Council, whose decision is final.

2.6 Withdrawal. Any member may withdraw by written notice. Withdrawal does not entitle the member to a refund of contributions already made.

ARTICLE 3 – THE GRAND BODY

3.1 Composition. The Grand Body consists of all members in good standing.

3.2 Regular Assembly. The Grand Body shall convene in regular assembly at least once each year, at a time and place set by the Council.

3.3 Special Assembly. A special assembly may be called by the Council, by the Executive Director, or by written request of ten percent (10%) of the members in good standing.

3.4 Notice. Written notice of any assembly shall be given to members at least fourteen (14) days in advance, stating the date, place or means, and principal business.

3.5 Quorum. A quorum for the Grand Body is twenty percent (20%) of members in good standing, present in person or by means permitting simultaneous participation.

3.6 Voting. Each member in good standing has one vote. Except where the Constitution or these Bylaws require otherwise, matters are decided by majority of those voting. Ratification of constitutional amendments requires a two-thirds (2/3) vote.

3.7 Proxy and Remote Participation. The Council may authorize remote participation and proxy voting and shall set the rules governing them.

ARTICLE 4 – THE SUPREME GRAND COUNCIL

4.1 Composition. The Council consists of the senior Sheiks and principal officers, in the number fixed by the Council, not fewer than three (3).

4.2 Authority. The Council holds final governing authority over the Sultanate's offices, policies, and rules, subject to the rights reserved to the Grand Body in the Constitution.

4.3 Meetings. The Council shall meet at least quarterly and may meet specially on call of the presiding Sheik or the Executive Director.

4.4 Quorum and Voting. A majority of sitting Council members is a quorum. Actions are taken by majority of those present and voting, except where a higher threshold is specified.

4.5 Terms. Council members serve terms of three (3) years and may be reappointed, unless otherwise provided. Terms should be staggered where practical to preserve continuity.

4.6 Vacancies. A vacancy is filled by the Council for the remainder of the term.

4.7 Removal. A Council member may be removed for cause by two-thirds (2/3) vote of the other Council members, following notice and an opportunity to respond.

ARTICLE 5 – OFFICERS AND THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

5.1 Executive Director. The Executive Director is appointed by the Council and serves at its direction. The Executive Director:

- (a) carries out the policies and directives of the Council;
- (b) chairs and coordinates the Ministerial Board and the Executive Board;
- (c) oversees daily operations, staff, and programs;
- (d) reports to the Council at each regular meeting; and
- (e) may execute documents and agreements on behalf of the Sultanate as authorized by the Council.

5.2 Term and Accountability. The Executive Director serves a term of three (3) years, renewable, and may be removed by the Council for cause or for failure to fulfill the duties of office.

5.3 Ministers. The Council, on recommendation of the Executive Director, appoints Ministers to lead the domestic functions named in Article V of the Constitution. Each Minister manages their portfolio, proposes programs and budgets, and reports to the Executive Director.

5.4 Executive Officers. The Council, on recommendation of the Executive Director, appoints Executive Officers to lead the functions named in Article VI of the Constitution. Each Executive Officer manages their portfolio and reports to the Executive Director.

5.5 Duties of Care and Loyalty. Every officer shall act in good faith, in the best interest of the Sultanate, with reasonable care, and free of undisclosed conflicts of interest.

ARTICLE 6 – THE BOARDS

6.1 Ministerial Board. The Ministerial Board consists of the Ministers and is chaired by the Executive Director. It coordinates the domestic programs of the Sultanate.

6.2 Executive Board. The Executive Board consists of the Executive Officers and is chaired by the Executive Director. It coordinates the commercial, financial, security, and external-relations functions of the Sultanate.

6.3 Board Meetings. Each Board shall meet at least monthly and keep minutes of its proceedings, which shall be available to the Council.

6.4 Joint Sessions. The Boards may meet jointly at the call of the Executive Director to coordinate matters affecting both.

ARTICLE 7 – COMMITTEES

7.1 The Council or the Executive Director may establish standing or special committees, define their charge, and appoint their members.

7.2 Committees act within the authority delegated to them and report to the body that created them. No committee may take action reserved to the Council or the Grand Body.

ARTICLE 8 – FINANCES

8.1 Fiscal Year. The fiscal year of the Sultanate is January 1 through December 31, unless changed by the Council.

8.2 Budget. The Executive Director shall prepare an annual budget for Council approval.

8.3 Funds. All funds shall be held in accounts in the name of the Sultanate and used solely for its lawful purposes. The Executive Board, through the Reserves function, shall oversee stewardship of funds.

8.4 Authorization of Expenditures. Expenditures above a threshold set by the Council require Council approval. The Council shall establish signing authority and dual-control requirements for disbursements.

8.5 Records and Review. The Sultanate shall keep accurate financial records and shall arrange an annual review or audit appropriate to its size, the results of which are reported to the Council and made available to the Grand Body.

8.6 No Private Inurement. No part of the Sultanate's funds shall be distributed to members, officers, or individuals except as reasonable compensation for services rendered or reimbursement of legitimate expenses.

ARTICLE 9 – RECORDS AND TRANSPARENCY

9.1 The Sultanate shall maintain: the Constitution and Bylaws; the membership roll; minutes of the Grand Body, Council, and Boards; financial records; and its organizational filings.

9.2 Members in good standing may inspect the Constitution, Bylaws, and minutes of the Grand Body upon reasonable request, subject to reasonable protections for privacy and confidential matters.

ARTICLE 10 – CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

10.1 Any officer or Council member with a personal or financial interest in a matter shall disclose it and refrain from voting on that matter.

10.2 The Council shall adopt and maintain a written conflict-of-interest policy consistent with this Article.

ARTICLE 11 — INDEMNIFICATION

11.1 The Sultanate may indemnify its officers and Council members against reasonable expenses incurred in connection with their good-faith service, to the extent permitted by law and as the Council determines by policy.

ARTICLE 12 — PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

12.1 Except where the Constitution or these Bylaws provide otherwise, the most recent edition of Robert’s Rules of Order, Newly Revised shall govern the conduct of meetings.

ARTICLE 13 — AMENDMENT OF BYLAWS

13.1 These Bylaws may be amended by majority vote of the Council, provided that notice of the proposed change is given to Council members at least fourteen (14) days in advance.

13.2 No Bylaw amendment may conflict with the Constitution. In any conflict, the Constitution prevails.

ARTICLE 14 — DISSOLUTION

14.1 Upon any dissolution of the Sultanate, its remaining assets shall, after payment of obligations, be applied to lawful purposes consistent with its mission, as the Council directs and as the law requires.

Adopted by the Supreme Grand Council of the Sultanate of Amexem

This 27th day of May, 2026, at Chicago, Illinois.