ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF REFORMA,
NATIONAL ASSOCIATION TO PROMOTE LIBRARY
SERVICES TO THE SPANISH SPEAKING

To: Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs, Business
Regulation Administration – Corporations
Washington, D.C.

We, the undersigned, natural persons of the age of
twenty-one years or more, acting as incorporators of a
corporation adopt the following Articles of Incorporation for
such corporation pursuant to the District of Columbia
Non-Profit Corporation Act.

FIRST: The name of the Corporation is REFORMA,
National Association to Promote Library Services to the
Spanish Speaking.

SECOND: The period of duration is perpetual.

THIRD: The Corporation is organized to operate
exclusively for educational and charitable purposes (within
the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) and Section 170(c)(2) of the
Internal Revenue Code of 1986). In particular, the purposes
of the Corporation are to: (i) unite Hispanic librarians and
all other librarians interested in working with the Spanish
speaking, (ii) promote and conduct research and studies
concerning educational materials and library programs
available to serve the Spanish speaking, (iii) promote the
development of Spanish-language and Hispanic-oriented library collections, (iv) collect and disseminate information about and for the benefit of the Spanish speaking, (v) help recruit prospective bilingual and bicultural librarians, including providing scholarship aid for students, the criteria for such scholarships to be determined by a Committee designated by the Board of Directors, and (vi) engage in all other educational and charitable activities permitted by law.

FOURTH: The Corporation is not authorized to issue capital stock. No part of the assets or net earnings of the Corporation shall inure to the benefit of or be distributable to its members, Directors, officers or other private persons, except that the Corporation shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth in Article THIRD hereof. No substantial part of the activities of the Corporation shall be the carrying on of propaganda or otherwise attempting to influence legislation and the Corporation 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. Notwithstanding any other provision of these Articles, the Corporation shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on
(i) by a corporation exempt from Federal income tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law), or (ii) by a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under Section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law).

FIFTH: The Corporation shall have members, who shall not be divided into classes. Any individual, partnership or corporation shall be eligible to apply for membership. All members in good standing have the right to vote on matters presented for approval to the membership, but shall not vote upon proposed amendments to the Articles of Incorporation, this being the province of the Board of Directors. Only members who are individuals in good standing are eligible to be elected or appointed as officers of the Corporation.

SIXTH: The affairs of the Corporation shall be managed by a Board of Directors to be elected in the manner provided by the Bylaws. The Board of Directors shall consist of not fewer than three (3) nor more than thirty (30) Directors. The number of Directors constituting the initial Board of Directors is twenty-two (22), and the names and addresses of the persons who are to serve as initial Directors, until their successors are duly elected and qualify as provided in the Bylaws, are as follows:
Name and Address

President
Elena Tscherny
C/O District of Columbia Public Library
901 G Street, N.W., Room 410
Washington, D.C. 20001

Vice President
Liz Rodriguez Miller
C/O Main Library
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Carlos Najera
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500 McKinney Avenue
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Santa Barbara
Santa Barbara, CA 93106

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John Ayala
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Whittier, CA 90601

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Maria Segura Hoopes
University Library
University of Arizona
Tucson, AZ 85721

El Paso Chapter
Judith Davidson-Garcia
Clardy Fox Branch
El Paso Public Library
1111 Chadborne
El Paso, TX 79903

Los Angeles Area Chapter
Luis Herrera
Long Beach Public Library
101 Pacific Avenue
Long Beach, CA 90802

Northeast Chapter
Gregorio Rivera
New York Public Library
Office of Adult Services
455 Fifth Avenue
New York, NY 10016

Orange County Chapter
Francisco Garcia Ayvans
California State University
- Fullerton Library
Chicano Resource Center
Nutwood Street/P.O. Box 4150
Fullerton, CA 92634

Santa Barbara/Ventura Chapter
Doug McLaughlin
2355 Jardin Drive
Oxnard, CA 93030

Washington Metropolitan Chapter
Alexander Tscherny
812 Madison Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20011
Bibliotecas Para la Gente
Linda Mendez-Ortiz
c/o San Jose Public Library
Foreign Language Department
180 W. San Carlos Street
San Jose, CA 95113

Education Committee
Susan Luevano, Chair
c/o Rancho Santiago College Library
17th at Bristol
Santa Ana, CA 92706

Membership Committee
Albert Milo, Chair
c/o Fullerton Public Library
353 W. Commonwealth Avenue
Fullerton, CA 92632

Newsletter Committee
Ingrid Betancourt, Chair
98 Berkeley Avenue
Bloomfield, NJ 07003

Nominations Committee
Sara de Mundo Lo, Chair
c/o University of Illinois
Room 425, University Library
1408 W. Gregory Drive
Urbana, IL 61801

Public Relations Committee
David Nieto, Chair
1111 Army Navy Drive, #A-511
Arlington, VA 22202

Scholarship Committee
Ron Rodriguez, Chair
c/o Bibliographic Access
County of Los Angeles Public Library
7400 E. Imperial Hwy.
P.O. Box 7011
Downey, CA 90241

Ways and Means Committee
Nita Vegamora Norman, Chair
302 E. Monte Vista
# C-3
Phoenix, AZ 85004
SEVENTH: In the event of dissolution of the Corporation, the Board of Directors shall, after paying or making provision for the payment of all the liabilities of the Corporation, dispose of all of the assets of the Corporation exclusively for educational and charitable purposes by paying such assets over to such entity or entities organized and operated exclusively for educational and charitable purposes and which at the time qualify as an exempt organization or organizations under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law) as the Board of Directors shall determine.

EIGHTH: The name and address of the registered agent is Elena Tscherny, 812 Madison Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20011.

NINTH: The name and address of each incorporator is:

1. Barbara Gloriod
   1673 Columbia Road, N.W., #309
   Washington, D.C. 20009

2. Elena Tscherny
   812 Madison Street, N.W.
   Washington, D.C. 20011

3. Thomas L. Welch
   1812 Calvert Street, N.W., #B
   Washington, D.C. 20009

Date: May 19

Barbara Gloriod  
Elena Tscherny  
Thomas L. Welch
District of Columbia  
City of Washington

I, ____________________________, a Notary Public of the District of Columbia, in and for the City of Washington, hereby certify that on the 19th day of May, 1987, personally appeared before me Barbara Gloriod, Elena Tscherny, and Thomas L. Welch who signed the document as incorporators, and the statements therein contained are true.

Signature
Notary Public, D.C.

(Notarial Seal)  My Commission Expires 10-31-69