

THE STATE OF TEXAS, )  
                                  (  
COUNTY OF HARRIS. )

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, That we, the under-  
signed, all being resident citizens of said State and County,  
have formed and do hereby form ourselves, our associates and  
successors, into a corporation under and by virtue of the laws  
of Texas, and for said corporation do hereby declare and adopt  
this instrument as the CHARTER thereof, with terms as follows:

1. The Name of this corporation shall be HOUSTON  
NEGRO HOSPITAL.

2. The Purposes for which this corporation is  
formed are purely benevolent, charitable and educational, and  
not for financial gain, and no financial gain shall ever accrue  
to any member of this corporation, nor to any other person or  
institution, in the conduct of same, but any receipts of this  
corporation in excess of the expense of purchase, or erection,  
and maintenance of the said institution provided for herein,  
shall be applied by the directors to the care of charity  
patients, and to the equipment and enlargement of said institu-  
tion to carry out the purposes of its organization and opera-  
tion as they, in their judgment, may deem wise.

It is organized to acquire, or erect, and to  
equip, conduct and maintain on the broadest humanitarian prin-  
ciples a hospital and training school for nurses, to care

for the sick and injured and to educate and train persons in the care of the sick and injured, issuing to such persons diplomas upon graduation.

In order that only competent, legal, skilled and reputable physicians and surgeons shall practice, operate and/or treat patients in the hospital, the Board of Directors, on approval of the Advisory Committee hereinafter to be provided for, shall have full and plenary power to elect and select, in the manner such Board of Directors may deem best, the physicians and/or surgeons who shall be permitted to so practice, and to prescribe and promulgate laws, rules and regulations for the government of such hospital, and of such physicians, surgeons, and of the patients, nurses, officers, visitors, employees, and others therein or connected therewith.

3. The Principal Office and Place of Business of this corporation shall be in the City of Houston, Harris County, Texas.

4. This corporation shall exist for a period of fifty years from and after the filing of its original Charter.

5. This corporation shall have five Directors (with the right to increase or decrease such number under the law), to be selected annually each year after the first year in such manner and at such time and place as may be prescribed in the by-laws.

The following are hereby designated as Directors to serve for the first year and/or until their successors are

elected and qualified, as provided for herein:

| <u>NAME</u>      | <u>ADDRESS:</u> |
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| Wright Morrow    | Houston, Texas. |
| W. W. Moore, Jr. | Houston, Texas. |
| C. S. Harrington | Houston, Texas. |
| J. Y. Powell     | Houston, Texas. |
| W. W. Moore      | Houston, Texas. |

The foregoing white directors are named for the purpose of perfecting organization, but their successors and all future directors shall be negroes.

No physician or surgeon shall ever be elected a member of the Board of Directors of this corporation.

6. This corporation shall have an Advisory Committee consisting of not exceeding thirteen white citizens of Harris County, Texas, (the number to be fixed in the by-laws), the first members of such Committee to be selected in such manner as may be provided for in the by-laws, to serve in groups for one, two and three years, hold-over members of such Committee to fill any vacancies and to elect annually successors to those whose terms expire.

The Advisory Committee shall prescribe the general policies to apply in the administration of the institution, and its advice, counsel and direction shall at all times be observed and carried out by the Board of Directors.

7. This corporation has no capital stock, but has Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00) cash assets.

The Board of Directors shall have no power to mortgage or otherwise encumber the property of this corporation, except in assuming indebtedness on property acquired by it, or to secure the purchase money of any property acquired by it, or for the purpose of new buildings and equipment and of enlargements, improvements, or repairs of the property of this corporation.

WITNESS our hands at Houston, Texas, this 10th  
day of November, 1925.

Wright Morrow  
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W. W. Moore, Jr.  
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C. S. Harrington  
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J. Y. Powell  
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W. W. Moore  
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THE STATE OF TEXAS, |  
COUNTY OF HARRIS. |

Before me, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared Wright Morrow, W. W. Moore, Jr., C. S. Harrington, J. Y. Powell and W. W. Moore, known to me to be the persons whose names are subscribed to the foregoing instrument, and severally acknowledged to me that he executed the same for the purposes and consideration therein expressed.

In testimony whereof, I hereunto subscribe my name and affix the seal of my office, this the 10th day of November, A.D. 1925.

(SEAL)

J. L. Rundell

Notary Public in and for  
Harris County, Texas.

Filed in the office of the Secretary of State this 12  
day of November, 1925.

D.A. Gregg,  
Acting Secretary of State.

THE STATE OF TEXAS  
Department of State.

D. A. GREGG, SECRETARY OF STATE, of the State of Texas, do hereby  
certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the charter  
of

HOUSTON NEGRO HOSPITAL

with the endorsement thereon, as now appears of record in this  
Department.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto  
signed my name officially and caused  
to be impressed hereon the seal of State  
at my office in the City of Austin,  
this 12 day of November, A.D. 1925.

(Signed) D. A. GREGG

Acting Secretary of State.

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