

STATE OF TEXAS  
COUNTY OF HARRIS

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, That we, the undersigned, 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 institution to carry out the purposes of its organization and operation 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 principles

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 nine negro Directors (with the right to increase or decrease such number under the law) to be selected annually each 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 until their successors are elected and qualified:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>
O. M. Terrell,	Houston, Texas.
W. L. Davis,	Houston, Texas.
Jno. W. Hubert,	Houston, Texas.
C. N. Love,	Houston, Texas.
R. L. Isaacs,	Houston, Texas.
Jas. D. Ryan,	Houston, Texas.
W. E. Miller,	Houston, Texas.
Sam Wilson,	Houston, Texas.
J. M. Adkins,	Houston, Texas.

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

