

**CONSTITUTION OF THE DETROIT TELUGU ASSOCIATION**  
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**Article 1**

**Name:**

This registered, non-profit organization, in the State of Michigan, USA, shall be known as Detroit Telugu Association (DTA).

**Article 2**

**Objectives:**

The purpose of Detroit Telugu Association (DTA) shall be to promote Telugu language, culture and serve the Telugu community of the State of Michigan with the following specific objectives:

- A. To encourage and promote the Telugu language, literary, and cultural interests/activities of the Telugu community.
- B. To invite and honor literary, scientific, and Telugu cultural dignitaries of interest to the DTA members.
- C. To promote communication among the DTA members.
- D. To act as an agency to collect donations for educational, cultural, and socio-economic development of the Telugu community and transfer funds to other non-profit organizations for similar purposes.
- E. To organize other community activities as required, which shall involve the participation of DTA members.
- F. No substantial part of the activities of DTA shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting, to influence legislation, and DTA 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.

**Article 3**

**Membership & General Body:**

Membership is open to all residents of the State of Michigan who subscribe to the objectives of DTA, regardless of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, sexual orientation, gender identity and/or gender expression, marital status, veteran status or disability. DTA members are defined as those who subscribe to the objectives outlined under Article 2 of this constitution and paid the membership dues as specified in the Bylaws. All such members above 18 years of age shall constitute the General Body of DTA. Any member who is not a resident of the State of Michigan is considered an Honorary Member and shall enjoy all privileges of the dues paid members, except to vote in organizational elections to elect the Governing Body and/or to amend the constitution and Bylaws.

**Article 4**

**Governing Body:**

- A. The governing powers of DTA shall be vested in an Executive Committee, consisting of President, President-elect, General Secretary, Cultural Secretary, Joint-Cultural Secretary, Publications Secretary, Treasurer, Joint-Treasurer, Sports Secretary, Hospitality Secretary, and Hospitality Joint-Secretary. All eleven members of the Executive Committee shall vote in all decisions made by the committee.

- B. Services rendered by the Executive Committee to DTA are voluntary and there shall be no remuneration to any officers.
- C. Eligibility for nomination and election of members to serve on the DTA Executive Committee shall be as provided by the DTA Bylaws
- D. The duties of each elected official shall be as provided in the DTA Bylaws.
- E. Each member of the Executive Committee shall serve for one year. Additional limitations and exceptions shall be as provided in the DTA Bylaws.
- F. Each year a new DTA Executive Committee shall be installed. Procedures shall be as provided in the DTA Bylaws.

#### **Article 5**

**Meetings:**

Annual meeting of the General Body shall be held at least once a year. The Governing Body shall meet a minimum of four times a year. Additional meetings, if any, schedule of meetings, and the required quorum for each meeting shall be as specified in the Bylaws.

#### **Article 6**

**Bylaws:**

DTA operations shall be carried as per the DTA Bylaws.

#### **Article 7**

**Agent and Office:**

The President of the DTA each year shall be the registered agent of the DTA. DTA office is located at 26233 Taft Road, Novi, MI 48374.

#### **Article 8**

**Revisions and Amendments to the Bylaws and the Constitution:**

Revisions of Bylaws and amendments to the constitution may be initiated by the Executive Committee by appointing an Ad hoc Constitution and Bylaws committee with specific objectives. Revisions to the Bylaws shall be approved by 2/3 of the General Body members present at the meeting. Amendments to the constitution shall be approved by 3/4 of all enlisted General Body Members.

#### **Article 9**

In the case of dissolution, all assets shall be distributed to such organization, which subscribes to the ideals of DTA and are qualified as tax exempt under section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code or the corresponding provisions of a future United States Internal Revenue Law.