

CONSTITUTION

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ARTICLE 1: NAME

- 1.1 The name of the Association shall be the Missouri Association of the Deaf, Incorporated (MoAD).

ARTICLE 2: INCORPORATION

- 2.1 The Association shall be incorporated under and in compliance with the laws of the State of Missouri, and is organized as the NON-PROFIT organization and shall carry the objects and purposes as specified in the Constitution and the Bylaws.
- 2.2 The Association shall be organized exclusively for charitable, educational, advocacy, and social purposes within the means of Section 501(c)(3) of the United States Internal Revenue Code.
- 2.3 No part of the net income of the Association shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributed to, its members, directors, officers, or other private persons except that the Association shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for the services rendered.
- 2.4 No substantial part of the activities of the Association shall be carrying on any kind of propaganda or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the Association shall not participate in or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of, or in opposition to, any candidate for public office.
- 2.5 Notwithstanding any other provisions of these Articles, the Association shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on:
 - a. by a corporation exempt from Federal Income Tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the United States Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law) or
 - b. by a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under Section 170(c)(2) of the United States Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law).

ARTICLE 3: OBJECTIVES

- 3.1 The purpose of the Association shall be to promote the advancement of the general welfare of the Deaf in the State of Missouri.
- 3.2 The objective of the Association shall be to promote the education of the Deaf to the public.
- 3.3 The objective of the Association shall be to promote and uphold the legal enforcement of the existing regulations of the State of Missouri and the National Association of the Deaf, Inc.

ARTICLE 4: NATIONAL AFFILIATION

- 4.1 The Association shall meet its obligations as an affiliate member of the National Association of the Deaf, Inc. (NAD), and shall abide by and honor the regulations of NAD that may govern the Association and the chapters.
- 4.2 The Association shall cooperate with and support the matters pertaining to the welfare of the Deaf on the national level, and it may enlist the assistance of the federation on a state level as per the Association's Constitution (Article 3: Objectives) and Bylaws (Article 2: Objectives).