

**ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION  
OF  
WASHINGTON STATE SOCIETY OF THE  
SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION**

The undersigned, being of legal age, as incorporators of a nonprofit corporation under the Washington Nonprofit Corporation Act, hereby adopt the following Articles of Incorporation for such nonprofit corporation:

**ARTICLE I**

**NAME/REGISTERED OFFICE/REGISTERED AGENT**

The name of this Corporation shall be: "Washington State Society of the Sons of the American Revolution" (hereinafter referred to as the "Corporation").

The registered office of the Corporation is located at 919 124<sup>th</sup> Avenue NE, #101, Bellevue, Washington 98005, and the name of its initial registered agent at such address is: Gregory D. Lucas.

**ARTICLE II**

**PURPOSE**

As the leading Washington State male lineage society that perpetuates the ideals of the war for independence, this Corporation is organized exclusively for historical, educational, patriotic, and charitable purposes pursuant to section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, more specifically to maintain and expand the meaning of patriotism, respect for our national symbols, the value of American citizenship, and the unifying force of "*e pluribus unum*" that was created from the people of many nations -- one nation and one people. The specific purposes include:

- (a) To serve as Washington state's representative organization of the National Society, Sons of the American Revolution;
- (b) To engage in any activity that may lawfully be conducted by a nonprofit corporation organized under the Washington Nonprofit Corporation Act; and
- (c) To engage in all such activities as are incidental or conducive to the attainment of the purposes of this Corporation or any of them and to exercise any and all powers authorized or permitted to be done by a nonprofit corporation under any laws that may be now or hereafter applicable or available to this Corporation.

To this end, the Corporation shall at all times be operated exclusively for historical, educational, patriotic, and charitable purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as now enacted or hereafter amended. All funds, whether income or principal, and whether acquired by gift or contribution or otherwise, shall be devoted to said purposes.

### ARTICLE III

#### EXEMPTION REQUIREMENTS

At all times shall the following operate as conditions restricting the operations and activities of the Corporation:

1. No part of the net earnings of the Corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its trustees, officers, or others 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 purpose set forth in the purpose clause hereof.

2. No substantial part of the activities of the Corporation shall constitute the carrying on of propaganda or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, or any initiative or referendum before the public, and the Corporation shall not participate in, or intervene in (including by publication or distribution of statements), any political campaign on behalf of, or in opposition to, any candidate for public office.

3. Notwithstanding any other provisions of this document, the Corporation shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by an organization exempt from federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or (b) by an organization, contributions to which are deductible under section 170 (c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

4. In any taxable year in which this Corporation is a private foundation as described in Section 509(a) of the Internal Revenue Code, the Corporation 1) shall distribute its income for said period at such time and manner as not to subject it to tax under Section 4942 of the Internal Revenue Code; 2) shall not engage in any act of self-dealing as defined in Section 4941(d) of the Internal Revenue Code; 3) shall not retain any excess business holdings as defined in Section 4943(c) of the Internal Revenue Code; 4) shall not make any investments in such manner as to subject the Corporation to tax under Section 4944 of the Internal Revenue Code; and 5) shall not make any taxable expenditures as defined in Section 4945(d) of the Internal Revenue Code.

### ARTICLE IV

#### DURATION

The duration of the corporate existence shall be perpetual.

## ARTICLE V

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The management of the affairs of the Corporation shall be vested, by the Membership, in a Board of Directors, as defined in the Corporation's bylaws. No Director shall have any right, title, or interest in or to any property of the Corporation. The number of Directors constituting the first Board of Directors is seventeen, their names and addresses being as follows:

[Names have been redacted for posting on Website]

Members of the first Board of Directors shall serve until the first annual meeting, at which their successors are duly elected and qualified, or removed as provided in the bylaws.

## ARTICLE VI

### PERSONAL LIABILITY

No Officer or Director of this Corporation shall be personally liable for the debts or obligations of this Corporation of any nature whatsoever, nor shall any of the property of the Officers or Directors be subject to the payment of the debts or obligations of this Corporation.

## ARTICLE VII

### DISSOLUTION

Upon the dissolution of the Corporation, assets shall be distributed to the National Society, Sons of the American Revolution, or for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or shall be distributed to the federal government, or to a state or local government, for a public purpose. Any such assets not disposed of shall be distributed by the District Court of the county in which the principal office of the Corporation is then located, exclusively for such purposes or to such organization or organizations, as said Court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.

## ARTICLE VIII

### BYLAWS

The Board of Directors shall have the power to adopt the initial Bylaws for the Corporation. Subsequent amendments shall be approved by the Membership.

## ARTICLE IX

### INCORPORATORS

The incorporators of this Corporation are as set forth below. The undersigned incorporators hereby declare under penalty of perjury that the statements made in the foregoing Articles of Incorporation are true.

EFFECTIVE this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2014.

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