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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

Office of the Secretary of State
Corporations Division
148 W. River Street
Providence, Rhode Island 02904-2615

NON-PROFIT CORPORATION

ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

The undersigned, acting as incorporator(s) of a corporation under Chapter 7-6 of the General Laws of Rhode Island, 1956, as amended, adopt(s) the following Articles of Incorporation for such corporation:

1. The name of the corporation is Marriage Equity RI Education Fund, Inc.

2. The period of its duration is (if perpetual, so state) Perpetual

3. The specific purpose or purposes for which the corporation is organized are:
To provide education to the public on the issues surrounding same-sex marriage, and to educate the public ☐
on the differences in legal protections for same sex couples and other couples as well as the legal issues ☐
faced by same sex couples. We do this through speaking at public forums and distribution of information ☐
at these forums. ☐

4. Provisions, if any, not inconsistent with the law, which the incorporators elect to set forth in these articles of incorporation for the regulation of the internal affairs of the corporation are:
See attachment 1 ☐

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5. The address of the initial registered office of the corporation is 99 Bald Hill Road
(Street Address, not P.O. Box)
Cranston, RI 02920, and the name of its initial registered agent at such
(City/Town) (Zip Code)
address is Jenn Steinfeld 
(Name of Agent)

6. The number of directors constituting the initial Board of Directors of the Corporation is 8
(not less than three directors)
and the names and addresses of the persons who are to serve as the initial directors are:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>
See attached statement 2	

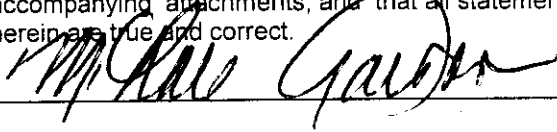
7. The name and address of each incorporator is:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>
Michael Aaronson	1604 Broad Street, Cranston, RI 02905 

8. Date when corporate existence is to begin Upon the filing of these papers
(not prior to, nor more than 30 days after, the filing of these Articles of Incorporation)

Date: 10-9-07

Under penalty of perjury, I/we declare and affirm that I/we have examined these Articles of Incorporation, including any accompanying attachments, and that all statements contained herein are true and correct.



Signature of each Incorporator

Marriage Equity RI Education Fund, Inc.

ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION **ARTICLE FOURTH**

Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, the corporation is organized exclusively for charitable and educational purposes as specified in section 501 (c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, and shall not carry on any activities not permitted to be carried on by a corporation exempt from federal income tax under section 501 (c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986.

No part of the net earnings of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributed to its members, directors, trustees, officers, or other 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 purposes set forth in Article Third hereof.

No substantial part of the activities of this corporation shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, nor shall the corporation participate in or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office.

No payments or distributions shall be made by this corporation and no other activities shall be carried on or engaged in by this corporation which would result in the denial or revocation of the exemption of this corporation from federal income taxation under the provisions of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as an organization described in Sec. 501(c)(3) of said Code or the deductibility of contributions to and for the use on this corporation for federal income tax purposes under the provisions of Sec. 170 of said Code, or the deductibility of any transfer, device or bequests to said corporation for federal estate tax purposes under the provisions of Sec. 2055 and Sec. 2105 of said Code, or the deductibility of gifts to said corporation for federal gift tax purposes under the provisions of Sec. 2522 of said Code.

Upon dissolution of the corporation, the Officers shall, after paying or making provision for the payment of all the liabilities of the corporation, dispose of all the assets of the corporation exclusively for the purpose of the corporation in such manner, or to such organization or organizations organized and operated exclusively for charitable, education, religious, or scientific purposes as shall at the time qualify as an exempt organization or organizations under Sec. 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, (or the corresponding provisions of any future United States Internal Revenue Law), as the Board of Directors shall determine. Any such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by the Superior 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.

**Marriage Equity RI Education Fund, Inc.
Attachment 2 to Articles of incorporation
Board of Directors RI, Inc**

Frank G. Ferri, 38 Lippitt Avenue, Warwick RI 02889

Edward P. Bonetti, 110 Brook Spring Drive Warwick RI 02889

C. Kelley Smith, 103 Holden Street, Providence RI 02908

Frederick Walters, PO Box 317 Cummaquid, Ma 02637

Richard Hite, 825 Pontiac Avenue # 4302, Cranston RI 02910

Susan Heroux, 164 Pilgrim Ave, Coventry RI 02816

Peter Quesnel, 147 Barbara Street, Providence RI 02909

Randall P. Rice, 47 Higgins Avenue, Providence RI 02908