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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, 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 seek legal recognition of same-sex couples through civil marriage in Rhode Island. We believe that a civil
society guarantees to all of its citizens certain civil rights; civil marriage is one of these fundamental rights.
Each and every adult in Rhode Island- regardless of socioeconomic status, race, ethnicity, religion, gender
identity, or sexual orientation- deserves the opportunity to attain the legal protections and safeguards
gained through civil marriage.

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	

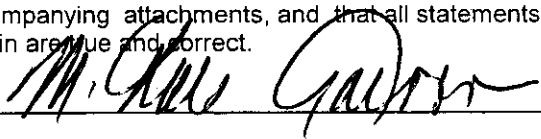
7. The name and address of each incorporator is:

<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, INC.
ATTACHMENT I TO
ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

Article fourth is as follows:

Said corporation is organized exclusively to operate as a social welfare organization as specified in Section 501 (c)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986.

No part of the net earnings of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to, its members, trustees, 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.

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, 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



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A. Ralph Mollis

Secretary of State

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

I, A. RALPH MOLLIS, Secretary of State of the State of Rhode Island
and Providence Plantations, hereby certify that this document, duly
executed in accordance with the provisions of Title 7 of the General Laws
of Rhode Island, as amended, has been filed in this office on this day:

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "A. Ralph Mollis".

A. RALPH MOLLIS

Secretary of State

