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## Non-Profit Corporation
## Articles of Incorporation

(Chapter 7-6-34 of the General Laws of Rhode Island, 1956, as amended)

### ARTICLE I

The name of the corporation is The Gaspee Project Inc

### ARTICLE II

The period of its duration is X Perpetual __

### ARTICLE III

The specific purpose or purposes for which the corporation is organized are:

The corporation is operated exclusively for the promotion of social welfare, as an organization described under Section 501(c)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (or any corresponding section of any future federal tax code). The corporation's purpose shall consist of exercising all power and performing all acts permitted as a nonprofit corporation under Rhode Island law, to the extent the exercise of such powers and the performance of such acts are in furtherance of the corporation's exempt purpose as stated herein.

The corporation's purpose may include, but not be limited to, advocacy of market-based public policy reforms as the best solution for our many economic and educational problems. In addition, the corporation's purposes may include the advancement of the findings of other existing research organizations in order to raise awareness among various constituencies about the benefits of a less-intrusive government and to hold accountable lawmakers and candidates that support special interest politics.

### ARTICLE IV

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:

THE CORPORATION 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. NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF THESE ARTICLES, THE CORPORATION

SHALL NOT CARRY ON ANY OTHER ACTIVITIES NOT PERMITTED TO BE CARRIED ON BY A CORPORATION CLASSIFIED UNDER SECTION 501 (C)(4) OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE, OR THE CORRESPONDING SECTION OF ANY FUTURE FEDERAL TAX CODE.

NO PART OF THE NET EARNINGS OF THE CORPORATION SHALL INURE TO THE BENEFIT OF, OR BE DISTRIBUTABLE TO ITS MEMBERS, 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 HEREIN.

UPON THE DISSOLUTION OF THE CORPORATION, ASSETS SHALL BE DISTRIBUTED FOR SUBSTANTIALLY SIMILAR PURPOSES AS THOSE STATED ABOVE, WITHIN THE BOUNDS OF SECTION 501(C)(4) OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE, OR THE CORRESPONDING SECTION OF ANY FUTURE FEDERAL TAX CODE. ANY SUCH ASSETS

NOT SO DISPOSED OF SHALL BE DISPOSED OF BY A COURT OF COMPETENT JURISDICTION 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 V**

The street address (post office boxes are not acceptable) of the initial registered office of the corporation is:

No. and Street: 282 COUNTY ROAD SUITE 3
City or Town: BARRINGTON State: RI Zip: 02806

The name of its initial registered agent at such address is GIOVANNI D. CICIONE, ESQ.

**ARTICLE VI**

The number of directors constituting the initial Board of Directors of the Corporation is 5
and the names and addresses of the persons who are to serve as the initial directors are:

| Title | Individual Name<br>First, Middle, Last, Suffix | Address<br>Address, City or Town, State, Zip Code, Country |
|---|---|---|
| DIRECTOR | ELLEN KENNER | 222 WILLIAM HENRY ROAD<br>NORTH SCITUATE, RI 02857 US |
| DIRECTOR | JOSEPH M VIELE | 11 STELLAR WAY<br>SOUTH KINGSTOWN, RI 02879 US |
| DIRECTOR | JAY JACOT | 81 POPLAR STREET<br>NEWPORT, RI 02840 US |
| DIRECTOR | JOHN NIEWECKI | 142 SUN VALLEY DRVE<br>CUMBERLAND, RI 02864 US |
| DIRECTOR | H. RUSSELL TAUB | 50 ADELPHI AVE APT WEST<br>PROVIDENCE, RI 02906 US |

**ARTICLE VII**

The name and address of the incorporator is:

| Title | Individual Name<br>First, Middle, Last, Suffix | Address<br>Address, City or Town, State, Zip Code, Country |
|---|---|---|
| INCORPORATOR | GIOVANNI D CICIONE | 282 COUNTY ROAD SUITE 3<br>BARRINGTON, RI 02806 US |

**ARTICLE VIII**

Date when corporate existence is to begin 09/16/2014

(not prior to, nor more than 30 days after, the filing of these Articles of Incorporation)

**Signed this 16 Day of September, 2014 at 6:24:34 PM by the incorporator(s).** *This electronic signature of the individual or individuals signing this instrument constitutes the affirmation or acknowledgement of the signatory, under penalties of perjury, that this instrument is that individual's act and deed or the act and deed of the corporation, and that the facts stated herein are true, as of the date of the electronic filing, in compliance with R.I. Gen. Laws § 7-6.*

**Enter signature(s) below.**
GIOVANNI D. CICIONE, ESQ.

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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:

September 16, 2014 6:23 PM

A. RALPH MOLLIS

*Secretary of State*

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