



**State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations
Office of the Secretary of State**

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Division Of Business Services
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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 Rhode Islanders for Good Government

ARTICLE II

The period of its duration is Perpetual

ARTICLE III

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

THE PURPOSE OF THE CORPORATION IS TO PROMOTE GOVERNMENT TRANSPARENCY AND BEST PRACTICES, AND TO CARRY ON ANY OTHER LAWFUL BUSINESS FOR WHICH NON-PROFIT CORPORATIONS MAY BE INCORPORATED UNDER THE R.I. NONPROFIT CORPORATION ACT, AS MAY BE AMENDED FROM TIME TO TIME, AND EXPRESSLY SUBJECT TO ANY FURTHER/ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS AND/OR RESTRICTIONS PURSUANT TO THE IRS 501(C) STATUS NOW OR HEREAFTER GRANTED TO THE CORPORATION.

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:

(A) THE PURPOSES FOR WHICH THE CORPORATION IS ORGANIZED ARE TO PROMOTE SOCIAL WELFARE WITHIN THE MEANING OF SECTION 501(C)(4) OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE (IRC), INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO: (1) DEVELOPING AND ADVOCATING FOR LEGISLATION, REGULATIONS, AND GOVERNMENT PROGRAMS TO IMPROVE THE ENVIRONMENT, PROTECT NATURAL RESOURCES, AND STIMULATE THE ECONOMY; AND (2) CONDUCTING RESEARCH AND PUBLICIZING THE POSITIONS OF ELECTED OFFICIALS CONCERNING THE FOREGOING ISSUES.

(B) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISIONS OF THESE ARTICLES, THE CORPORATION SHALL NOT CONDUCT OR CARRY ON ANY ACTIVITIES NOT PERMITTED TO BE CONDUCTED OR CARRIED ON BY AN ORGANIZATION UNDER IRC SECTION 501(C)(4). IN PARTICULAR BUT WITHOUT LIMITATION HEREBY, THE CORPORATION IS NOT ORGANIZED FOR PROFIT, AND NO PART OF THE NET EARNINGS SHALL INURE TO THE BENEFIT OF ANY MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OR ANY OTHER INDIVIDUAL EXCEPTING PAYMENTS OF REASONABLE COMPENSATION FOR SERVICES RENDERED, OR AS OTHERWISE PERMITTED BY IRC SECTION 501(C)(4)

AND THE R.I. NONPROFIT CORPORATION ACT. THE CORPORATION SHALL NOT PARTICIPATE OR INTERVENE IN ANY POLITICAL CAMPAIGN ON BEHALF OF, OR IN OPPOSITION TO, ANY CANDIDATE FOR PUBLIC OFFICE TO AN EXTENT THAT WOULD DISQUALIFY TAX EXEMPTION UNDER IRC SECTION 501(C)(4). THE CORPORATION SHALL NOT BE OPERATED FOR THE PRIMARY PURPOSE OF CARRYING ON A TRADE OR BUSINESS FOR PROFIT OR FOR POLITICAL/ELECTIONEERING ACTIVITIES.

(C) UPON DISSOLUTION OF THE CORPORATION OR THE WINDING UP OF ITS AFFAIRS, THE ASSETS OF THE CORPORATION SHALL BE DISTRIBUTED EXCLUSIVELY TO ORGANIZATIONS QUALIFYING FOR IRC SECTION 501(C) STATUS AS HEREAFTER AMENDED FROM TIME TO TIME.

ARTICLE V

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

No. and Street: NORTHWOODS OFFICE PARK

1301 ATWOOD AVENUE, SUITE 215 N

City or Town: JOHNSTON

State: RI

Zip: 02919

The name of its initial registered agent at such address is KAS R. DECARVALHO, ESQ.

ARTICLE VI

The number of directors constituting the initial Board of Directors of the Corporation is 3 and the names and addresses of the persons who are to serve as the initial directors are:

Title	Individual Name First, Middle, Last, Suffix	Address Address, City or Town, State, Zip Code, Country
DIRECTOR	JONATHAN DUFFY	10 CHARLES STREET PROVIDENCE, RI 02906 USA
DIRECTOR	CATHERINE CROMWELL	649 HOPE STREET BRISTOL, RI 02809 USA
DIRECTOR	ANDREW ROOS	40 DIVISION STREET EAST GREENWICH, RI 02818 USA

ARTICLE VII

The name and address of the incorporator is:

Title	Individual Name First, Middle, Last, Suffix	Address Address, City or Town, State, Zip Code, Country
INCORPORATOR	KAS R. DECARVALHO	1301 ATWOOD AVENUE, SUITE 215 N JOHNSTON, RI 02919 USA

ARTICLE VIII

Date when corporate existence is to begin

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

Signed this 17 Day of July, 2018 at 11:34:19 AM 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.

KAS R. DECARVALHO

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Nellie M. Gorbea, *Secretary of State*

I, NELLIE M. GORBEA, 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:

July 17, 2018 11:32 AM

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Nellie M. Gorbea". The signature is fluid and cursive, written in a professional style.

Nellie M. Gorbea
Secretary of State

