



**State of Rhode Island
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 Guard Up Martial Arts

ARTICLE II

The period of its duration is Perpetual

ARTICLE III

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

THE KEY PURPOSES FOR OUR NON-PROFIT MARTIAL ARTS PROGRAM:

EMPOWERMENT: EQUIP PARTICIPANTS WITH THE SKILLS AND CONFIDENCE TO
STAND UP
AGAINST BULLYING, BOTH AS POTENTIAL TARGETS AND AS BYSTANDERS.
MARTIAL ARTS
TRAINING FOSTERS A SENSE OF SELF-ASSURANCE THAT CAN DETER BULLIES.

CONFLICT RESOLUTION: TEACH EFFECTIVE CONFLICT RESOLUTION TECHNIQUES
THAT
ENCOURAGE PEACEFUL COMMUNICATION AND PROBLEM-SOLVING, REDUCING
THE
LIKELIHOOD OF BULLYING BEHAVIOR.

AWARENESS AND EDUCATION: RAISE AWARENESS ABOUT THE EFFECTS OF
BULLYING,
EDUCATING PARTICIPANTS AND THE COMMUNITY ON HOW TO RECOGNIZE,
PREVENT, AND
RESPOND TO BULLYING SITUATIONS.

BUILDING RESILIENCE: HELP PARTICIPANTS DEVELOP RESILIENCE AND COPING
STRATEGIES TO DEAL WITH BULLYING, REINFORCING THE IDEA THAT THEY ARE
NOT
ALONE AND CAN SEEK HELP.

CREATING SAFE SPACES: PROVIDE A SAFE AND SUPPORTIVE ENVIRONMENT WHERE PARTICIPANTS CAN SHARE THEIR EXPERIENCES, DISCUSS BULLYING, AND RECEIVE GUIDANCE FROM INSTRUCTORS AND PEERS.

FOSTERING EMPATHY: ENCOURAGE EMPATHY AND UNDERSTANDING AMONG PARTICIPANTS, HELPING THEM RECOGNIZE THE FEELINGS OF OTHERS AND PROMOTING KINDNESS AND INCLUSIVITY.

LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT: OFFER LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES FOR OLDER STUDENTS TO MENTOR YOUNGER ONES, EMPOWERING THEM TO BE ADVOCATES AGAINST BULLYING IN THEIR SCHOOLS AND COMMUNITIES.

COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS: COLLABORATE WITH SCHOOLS, PARENTS, AND LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS TO EXTEND ANTI-BULLYING EFFORTS BEYOND THE DOJO, CREATING A UNIFIED FRONT AGAINST BULLYING IN THE COMMUNITY.

PROMOTION OF POSITIVE VALUES: INSTILL VALUES SUCH AS RESPECT, DISCIPLINE, AND COMPASSION, REINFORCING THE IDEA THAT TRUE STRENGTH COMES FROM KINDNESS AND RESPECT FOR OTHERS.

IMPACT ON SCHOOL CLIMATE: CONTRIBUTE TO A MORE POSITIVE SCHOOL ENVIRONMENT BY ENCOURAGING STUDENTS TO TAKE A STAND AGAINST BULLYING, CREATING A CULTURE OF SUPPORT AND ACCEPTANCE.

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:

ARTICLE V

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

No. and Street: 278 BAYBERRY RD.
City or Town: WOONSOCKET State: RI Zip: 02895

The name of its initial registered agent at such address is SANTI PHIANESIN

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	SANTI PHIANESIN	278 BAYBERRY RD. WOONSOCKET, RI 02895 USA
DIRECTOR	DENZEL VAZQUEZ	278 BAYBERRY RD. WOONSOCKET, RI 02895 USA
DIRECTOR	REGIS KING	2000 DIAMOND HILL ROAD UNIT 6 WOONSOCKET, RI 02895 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	SANTI PHIANESIN	278 BAYBERRY RD. WOONSOCKET, RI 02895 USA

ARTICLE VIII

Date when corporate existence is to begin 11/01/2024
(not prior to, nor more than 30 days after, the filing of these Articles of Incorporation)

Signed this 1 Day of November, 2024 at 6:35:55 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.

SANTI PHIANESIN

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