



**State of Rhode Island
Office of the Secretary of State**

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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 Doula Collective

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 SPECIFIC PURPOSE FOR WHICH THIS CORPORATION IS ORGANIZED IS TO
OPERATE AS A
BUSINESS LEAGUE AND
PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION UNDER SECTION 501(C)(6) OF THE INTERNAL
REVENUE CODE.

THE ORGANIZATION EXISTS TO PROMOTE, SUPPORT, AND ADVANCE THE
PROFESSION OF, BUT NOT
LIMITED TO, BIRTH,
DEATH AND POSTPARTUM DOULAS ACROSS THE UNITED STATES BY:
– CREATING AND MAINTAINING A NETWORK OF STATE-BASED MEMBERSHIP
DIRECTORIES FOR
DOULAS;
– SUPPORTING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT, PUBLIC VISIBILITY, AND ACCESS
TO CLIENTELE FOR
MEMBER DOULAS;
– FACILITATING EDUCATIONAL EVENTS, NETWORKING, AND COMMUNITY
OUTREACH;
– ADVOCATING FOR POLICIES AND INITIATIVES THAT SUPPORT DOULA WORK
AND MATERNAL
HEALTH EQUITY.

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:

MEMBERSHIP DUES:

THE CORPORATION WILL ASSESS AND COLLECT MEMBERSHIP DUES, FEES, OR ASSESSMENTS TO SUPPORT THE PURPOSE OF THE ORGANIZATION AND ITS COMMUNITY OUTREACH ACTIVITIES.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

THE AFFAIRS OF THE CORPORATION SHALL BE MANAGED BY A BOARD OF DIRECTORS, WHOSE QUALIFICATIONS, MANNER OF ELECTION, TERMS OF OFFICE, AND DUTIES SHALL BE AS SET FORTH IN THE BYLAWS.

BYLAWS:

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS SHALL ADOPT BYLAWS FOR THE REGULATION AND MANAGEMENT OF THE AFFAIRS OF THE CORPORATION, PROVIDED SUCH BYLAWS ARE CONSISTENT WITH THESE ARTICLES AND APPLICABLE STATE AND FEDERAL LAWS.

DISSOLUTION CLAUSE:

UPON DISSOLUTION OF THE CORPORATION, ANY REMAINING ASSETS SHALL BE DISTRIBUTED TO ONE OR MORE ORGANIZATIONS THAT ARE TAX-EXEMPT UNDER SECTION 501(C)(6) OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE, OR TO A STATE OR LOCAL GOVERNMENT AGENCY, FOR A PUBLIC PURPOSE.

ARTICLE V

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

No. and Street: 1940 PROVIDENCE PIKE

City or Town: NORTH SMITHFIELD

State: RI

Zip: 02896

The name of its initial registered agent at such address is LILY MARIE TOWNER

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	LILY MARIE TOWNER	1940 PROVIDENCE PIKE NORTH SMITHFIELD, RI 02896 USA
DIRECTOR	AVA NAYLOR	4 ELM ST. APT 2 WESTERLY, RI 02891 USA
DIRECTOR	AMANDA BIERNACKI	172 GREENVILLE RD NORTH SMITHFIELD, RI 02896 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	LILY MARIE TOWNER	1940 PROVIDENCE PIKE NORTH SMITHFIELD, RI 02896 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 22 Day of April, 2025 at 3:48:30 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.
LILY MARIE TOWNER

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Gregg M. Amore, *Secretary of State*

I, GREGG M. AMORE, Secretary of State of the State of Rhode Island,
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:

April 22, 2025 03:48 PM

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Gregg M. Amore". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of the first and last names being capitalized and prominent.

Gregg M. Amore
Secretary of State

