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ARTICLES of INCORPORATION
for DOMESTIC NONPROFIT
CORPORATION
(35-2-213, MCA)

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Executed by the undersigned person for the purpose of forming a Montana nonprofit corporation.

FIRST: The name of the Nonprofit Corporation is Big Sky Institute for the Advancement of Nonprofits

SECOND: The name and address of the registered office/agent in Montana:

Name Michael D. Schechtman
Street Address 32 South Ewing, Suite 329
Mailing Address (same)
City Helena, MONTANA Zip Code 59601

THIRD: The name and address of the incorporator is as follows:

Name Michael D. Schechtman
Address 32 South Ewing, Suite 329
Helena, MT Zip Code 59601

FOURTH: The Nonprofit Corporation WILL NOT have members.

FIFTH: This Nonprofit Corporation is a (check one):

- Public Benefit Corporation
Mutual Benefit Corporation
Religious Corporation

SIXTH: Upon dissolution, the assets shall be distributed in the following manner:

to one or more 501(c)(3) organizations

March 20, 1999

Dated
Signature of Incorporator
Michael D. Schechtman

**BIG SKY INSTITUTE
FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF NONPROFITS**

ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

Article I. Name

The name of the corporation is the Big Sky Institute for the Advancement of Nonprofits.

Article II. Duration

The period of duration of this corporation is perpetual.

Article III. Purposes

A. The corporation is organized and shall be operated exclusively for charitable, scientific, and educational purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

B. Such purposes shall include undertaking research, surveys, assessments, preparation of reports, dissemination, education, and special projects to enhance the nonprofit sector in Montana and other states.

C. The corporation is designated as a public benefit corporation.

Article IV. Nonprofit Nature

A. The corporation is not organized and shall not be operated for the private gain of any person. The property of the corporation is irrevocably dedicated to its charitable, scientific, and educational purposes. No part of the assets, receipts, or net earnings of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributed to, any individual. The corporation may, however, pay reasonable compensation for services rendered, and make other payments and distributions consistent with these Articles.

B. Upon dissolution of the corporation, any assets remaining after provision has been made for paying the corporation's liabilities shall be distributed only to one or more organizations which are exempt from federal income taxation under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

C. The corporation shall not:

- 1) carry on any activities not permitted to be carried on by a corporation exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, to which contributions are deductible

under Section 170 of the Code;

- 2) participate or intervene (including publishing or distributing statements) in any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office; or
- 3) carry on propaganda, or otherwise attempt to influence legislation, to an extent that would disqualify it for exemption under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

Article 5. Board of Directors

The corporation shall be governed by a Board of Directors.

Article 6. Members

The corporation will not have members.

Article 7. Registered Agent and Office

The registered agent and office shall be:

Michael D. Schechtman
32 South Ewing <> Suite 329
Helena, MT 59601

Article 8. Amendments

These Articles may be amended by a majority vote of the Board of Directors.

Article 9. Incorporator

The incorporator is: Michael D. Schechtman
32 South Ewing <> Suite 329
Helena, MT 59601

In witness thereof, I have signed this document on March 20, 1999.

Michael D. Schechtman
Michael D. Schechtman, Incorporator