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**ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION
OF
KANSAS SUNSHINE COALITION FOR OPEN GOVERNMENT, INC.**

We, the undersigned incorporators, hereby form and establish a corporation NOT FOR PROFIT under the laws of the State of Kansas.

ARTICLE FIRST

The name of this corporation is KANSAS SUNSHINE COALITION FOR OPEN GOVERNMENT, INC. 6866 01 09 17 1999 10:44:20
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ARTICLE SECOND

The location of its registered office in this state is 5601 SW Barrington Court South in the City of Topeka, County of Shawnee. The resident agent at this address is Michael W. Merriam. 66604

ARTICLE THIRD

This corporation is organized NOT FOR PROFIT and the objects and purposes to be transacted and carried on are:

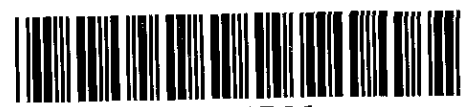
1. The promoting of educational programs and publications to explain the importance of open government, engaging in efforts to strengthen existing open meetings and open records laws, monitoring legislative attempts to weaken citizen access to government and establishing a hotline for members and citizens to access when they encounter violations of these laws.

2. To further such objects and purposes, the corporation shall have and may exercise all the powers conferred by the laws of the State of Kansas upon corporations formed under the laws pursuant to and under which this corporation is formed, as such laws are now in effect or may at any time hereafter be amended. Specifically, this corporation shall have power to acquire, purchase, hold, lease, convey, mortgage and pledge such real and personal property in Kansas, other states of the United States and elsewhere, as shall be necessary or convenient to the transaction of its business and the realization of its objects and purposes.

PROVIDED, HOWEVER, that in all events and under all circumstances, and notwithstanding merger, consolidation, reorganization, termination, dissolution, or winding up of this corporation, voluntary or involuntary or by operation of law, the following provisions shall apply:

(a) This corporation shall not have or exercise any power or authority either expressly, by interpretation or by operation of law, nor shall it directly or indirectly engage in any activity that would prevent this corporation from qualifying (and continuing to qualify) as an organization described in §501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (or the corresponding

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provision of any future United States Internal Revenue law).

(b) This corporation shall never be operated for the primary purpose of carrying on a trade or business for profit.

(c) Said corporation is organized exclusively for charitable, religious, educational, scientific, testing for public safety, prevention of cruelty to children, or literary purposes, including for such purposes, the making of distributions to organizations that qualify as exempt under section 501(a) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue law).

(d) 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 in these articles. No substantial part of the activities of the corporation shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the corporation shall not participate in or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements or the making of oral statements on behalf of or in opposition to such candidate) of any political campaign on behalf of 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 exempt from federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue law).

(e) Upon the dissolution of the corporation, the Board of Trustees shall, after paying or making provision for the payment of all of the liabilities of the corporation, dispose of all of the assets of the corporation exclusively for the purposes of the corporation in such manner, or to such organizations or organizations organized and operated exclusively for charitable, educational, religious, scientific, or any other purposes as shall at the time qualify as an exempt organization or organizations under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue law), as the Board of Trustees shall determine. Any such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by the district Court in the county in which the principal office of the corporation is then located, exclusively or such purposes or to such organization or organizations, a said court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.

ARTICLE FOURTH

The corporation will not have authority to issue capital stock, and the conditions of membership shall be fixed by the bylaws.

ARTICLE FIFTH

The Board of Directors shall have all powers granted by Kansas law and statutes.

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ARTICLE SIXTH

No director shall be personally liable to the Corporation or its stockholders for monetary damages for any breach of fiduciary duty by such director as a director. Notwithstanding the foregoing sentence, a director shall be liable to the extent provided by applicable law (i) for breach of the director's duty of loyalty to the Corporation or its stockholders, (ii) for acts or omissions not in good faith or which involve intentional misconduct or a knowing violation of law, (iii) under the provisions of K.S.A. 17-6424 and any amendments thereto, or (iv) for any transaction from which the director derived an improper personal benefit. No amendment to or repeal of this Article shall apply to or have any effect on the liability or alleged liability of any director or the Corporation for or with respect to any acts or omissions of such director occurring prior to the date when such provision becomes effective.

ARTICLE SEVENTH

The term for which this corporation is to exist is perpetual.

ARTICLE EIGHTH

No member of this corporation shall benefit financially from the dissolution thereof. In the even of dissolution of this corporation, the assets of this corporation shall be distributed as set forth in ARTICLE THIRD hereof.

ARTICLE NINTH

The name and address of the incorporator is:

Michael W. Merriam
Gehrt & Roberts, Chartered
5601 SW Barrington Court South
Topeka, Kansas 66614

ARTICLE TENTH

The number of directors may be increased or decreased from time to time by amendment of the bylaws.

ARTICLE ELEVENTH

The names and addresses of the persons who are to serve as directors until their successors are elected and qualified are as follows:

ARTICLE TWELFTH

The power to adopt, amend and repeal the bylaws of this corporation shall reside in the Board of Directors of this corporation.

ARTICLE THIRTEENTH

The corporation shall maintain general liability insurance in such amount as shall be determined by the directors, so as to enable volunteers of the corporation to come within the provisions of K.S.A. 60-3601.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my name this 16th day of September, 1999.

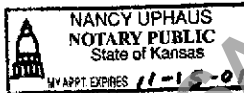


Michael W. Merriam

STATE OF KANSAS)
) SS:
COUNTY OF SHAWNEE)

Personally appeared before me, a Notary Public, in and for said county and said state, Michael W. Merriam, who is personally known to me to be the same person who executed the foregoing instrument in writing, and duly acknowledged the execution of the same.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 16th day of September, 1999.





Notary Public

My appointment expires:

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