

ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF A MISSOURI NONPROFIT CORPORATION

The undersigned natural person of the age of eighteen years or more, for the purpose of forming a corporation under the Missouri Nonprofit Corporation Act, adopts the following Articles of Incorporation:

ARTICLE I. NAME OF THE CORPORATION

The name of the Corporation is Volunteers for Outdoor Missouri, Inc.

ARTICLE II. PUBLIC BENEFIT CORPORATION

This corporation is a Public Benefit Corporation.

ARTICLE III. PERIOD OF DURATION

The period of duration of the corporation is Perpetual.

ARTICLE IV. REGISTERED AGENT AND OFFICE

The name and street address of the Registered Agent and Registered Office in Missouri is: Robert Crampton, 1458 E. Whiteside, Springfield, MO 65804.

ARTICLE V. INCORPORATOR

The name and address of the incorporator is: Robert Crampton, 1458 E. Whiteside, Springfield, MO 65804.

ARTICLE VI. MEMBERSHIP

The corporation will have Members.

ARTICLE VII. PURPOSE

The corporation's purpose is to maintain, improve and construct public hiking trails in the State of Missouri, and by doing so, promote environmental awareness, conservation and stewardship. The corporation will provide relevant education to the public and establish partnerships with state, local and municipal government entities, authorities and institutions for the furtherance of its purpose. The corporation is organized exclusively for charitable, educational or scientific purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

ARTICLE VIII. INUREMENT OF INCOME

No part of the net earnings of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to, its members, directors, officers or other private persons except that the corporation shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered.

ARTICLE IX. LEGISLATIVE OR POLITICAL ACTIVITIES

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 (including the publishing or distribution of statements) in any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office.

ARTICLE X. OPERATION LIMITATIONS

Notwithstanding any other provisions of these articles, the corporation shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by a corporation exempt from Federal Income Tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code 1954, as amended (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law) or (b) by a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under Section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, as amended (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law).

ARTICLE XI. DISSOLUTION

Upon the dissolution of the corporation, the board of directors shall, after payment of all of the liabilities of the corporation, dispose of all the assets of the corporation exclusively in accordance with the purposes for which the corporation was formed, or by gifting, granting, conveying or transferring, without compensation, all the assets of the corporation to such organization(s) which are organized and operating exclusively for charitable, educational or scientific purposes as shall at the time qualify as an exempt organization(s) under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, as amended (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law), as the board of directors shall determine. Any such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by the circuit court of the county in which the principal office of the corporation is then located, exclusively for such purposes or to such organization(s), as said court shall determine, which are organized and operated for such purposes.

IN AFFIRMATION THEREOF, the facts stated above are true and correct and the undersigned understands that false statements made in this Articles of Incorporation of a Missouri Nonprofit Corporation are subject to the penalties provided under Section 575.040, RSMo.


Robert S. Crampton, Incorporator