



## CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION OF

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*(Corporation Name)*

Under Section 402 of the Not-for-Profit Corporation Law

**FIRST:** The name of the corporation is:

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**SECOND:** The corporation is a corporation as defined in subparagraph (5) of paragraph (a) of Section 102 of the Not-for-Profit Corporation Law.

**THIRD:** *(Select all that apply)*

The purpose(s) for which the corporation is formed is:

any purpose for which corporations may be organized under the Not-for-Profit Corporation Law as a charitable corporation.

any purpose for which corporations may be organized under the Not-for-Profit Corporation Law as a non-charitable corporation.

any purpose for which corporations may be organized under the Not-for-Profit Corporation Law as a charitable corporation or as a non-charitable corporation. *(Note: Checking this box results in the corporation being categorized as a charitable corporation in paragraph FIFTH.)*

the following specific purpose(s):

**FOURTH:** *(Check the appropriate statement)*

The corporation is not formed to engage in any activity or for any purpose requiring consent or approval of any state official, department, board, agency or other body. No consent or approval is required.

The corporation is formed to engage in an activity or for a purpose requiring consent or approval of a state official, department, board, agency or other body. Such consent or approval is attached.

**FIFTH:** The corporation is a:  charitable corporation  non-charitable corporation under Section 201 of the Not-for-Profit Corporation Law.

**SIXTH:** The office of the corporation is to be located in the County of \_\_\_\_\_, State of New York.

**SEVENTH:** The names and addresses of the initial directors of the corporation are:  
*(A minimum of three is required)*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**EIGHTH:** The Secretary of State is designated as agent of the corporation upon whom process against it may be served.

The address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process accepted on behalf of the corporation is:  
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\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**NINTH:** *(Optional – Corporations seeking tax exempt status may include language required by the Internal Revenue Service in this paragraph. See Not-for-Profit Incorporation Instructions.)*

The following language relates to the corporation's tax exempt status and is not a statement of purposes and powers. Consequently, this language does not expand or alter the corporation's purposes or powers set forth in paragraph THIRD.

NAME, SIGNATURE & ADDRESS OF INCORPORATOR:

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Print or Type Name of Incorporator)

  X    
(Signature of Incorporator)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Address of Incorporator)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(City, State, Zip Code)

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Filer's Name and Mailing Address:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Company, if Applicable:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Mailing Address:

\_\_\_\_\_  
City, State and Zip Code:

**NOTES:**

1. §301 of the Not-for-Profit Corporation Law requires that the name contain "Incorporated" or "Inc." or one of the other words or abbreviations indicative of corporate character unless the corporation qualifies for one of the exceptions in §301.
2. This sample form is provided by the New York State Department of State for filing a certificate of incorporation.
3. This form is designed to satisfy the minimum filing requirements pursuant to the Not-for-Profit Corporation Law. The Department of State will accept any other form which complies with the applicable statutory provisions.
4. The Department of State recommends that this legal document be prepared under the guidance of an attorney.
5. The Department of State does not provide legal, accounting or tax advice.
6. This certificate must be submitted with a **\$75 filing fee** made payable to the Department of State.

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