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SUBJECT: THE ACORN FOUNDATION, INC.

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Enclosed is an original and one(1) copy of the articles of incorporation and a check for :

\$70.00 Filing Fee

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**□\$78.75** 

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FROM: THE PACORIL FOUNDATION

2983 SEA DATI CIRCLE

DAY TOWA BEACH SHORES, FL

904-760-5076

NOTE: Please provide the original and one copy of the articles.



## ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF FLORIDA NONPROFIT CORPORATION

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#### ARTICLE I CORPORATE NAME

The name of this corporation is The Acorn Foundation. The Principle office address is 2983 Sea Oats Circle, Daytona Beach Shores. Florida 32118.

### ARTICLE II CORPORATE NATURE

This is a nonprofit corporation, organized solely for educational, motivational, artistic and charitable purposes pursuant to the Florida Corporations Not for Profit Law set forth in Section 617 of the Florida Statutes.

### ARTICLE III DURATION

The term of existence of the corporation is perpetual.

### ARTICLE IV GENERAL AND SPECIFIC PURPOSES

The specific and primary purposes for which this corporation is formed are:

For the advancement of education and the arts, knowledge and understanding, grants and any other related or corresponding charitable purposes by the distribution of its funds for such purposes.

### ARTICLE V MANAGEMENT OF CORPORATE AFFAIRS

A. Board of Directors. The powers of this corporation shall be exercised, its properties controlled, and its affairs conducted by a Board of Directors, consisting of not less than three (3) persons. The number of Directors of the Corporation may be changed by a by-law duly adopted by the members.

The Directors named herein as the First Board of Directors shall hold office until the first meeting of members at which time an election of Directors shall be held.

Directors elected at the first annual meeting, and at all times thereafter, shall serve for a term of one (I) year until the annual meeting of members following the election of Directors and until the qualification of the successors in office. Annual meetings shall be held at Daytona Beach, Florida on the 20<sup>th</sup> day of October each year, or at such other time or places as the Board of Directors may designate from time to time by resolution.

Any action required or permitted to be taken by one Board of Directors under any provisions of law may be taken without a meeting, if all members of the Board shall individually or collectively consent in writing to such action. Such written consent or consents shall be filed with the minutes of the proceedings of the Board, and any such action by written consent shall have the same force and effect as if taken by unanimous vote of the Directors. Any certificate or other document filed under any provision of law which relates to action so taken shall state that the action was taken by unanimous written consent of the Board of Directors without a meeting, and that the Articles of Incorporation and the by-laws of this corporation authorize the Directors to so act. Such a statement shall be prima facie evidence of such authority.

The names and addresses of such initial members of the Board of Directors are as follows:

Jan Brooke Harte 2983 Sea Oats Circle Daytona Beach Shores, Florida 32118

H. Oliver Gillespie 2983 Sea Oats Circle Daytona Beach Shores, Florida 32118

Bradley C. Snyder 234 Nordica Glenview, Illinois 60025

B. Corporate Officers. The Board of Directors shall be comprised of a Chief Executive Officer / President / Secretary/Treasurer and other Directors as the by-laws of this corporation may authorize to elect from time to time. Until such election is held, the following persons shall serve as corporate officers.

C.E.O./President

Jan Brooke Harte

2983 Sea Oats Circle

Daytona Beach Shores, Florida 32118

Secretary/Treasurer

H. Oliver Gillespie

2983 Sea Oats Circle

Daytona Beach Shores, Florida 32118

Director

Bradley C. Snyder

234 Nordica

Glenview, Illinois 60025

#### ARTICLE VI EARNINGS AND ACTIVITIES OF CORPORATION

A. 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 and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth in Article IV hereof.

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) any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office.

- B. Notwithstanding any other provision 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 of 1954 (or the corresponding provisions 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 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law).
- C. Notwithstanding any other provision of these Articles, this corporation shall not, except to an insubstantial degree, engage in any activities or exercise any powers that are not in furtherance of the purposes of this corporation.

#### ARTICLE VII

#### **DISTRIBUTION OF ASSETS**

Upon dissolution of the corporation, the Board of Directors shall, after paying or making provision for the payment of all the liabilities of the corporation, dispose of all of the assets of the corporation for the purposes of the corporation in such manner, or to such organization or organizations organized and operated exclusively for similar purposes as shall qualify as an exempt organization under Section 50l (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code as the Board of Directors shall determine. Any such assets not so disposed shall be disposed of by a Court of competent jurisdiction in the county in which the principle office is then located.

#### **ARTICLE VIII**

#### **MEMBERSHIP**

The qualification for members and the manner of their admission shall be regulated by the by-laws for this corporation.

#### ARTICLE IX

#### AMENDMENT OF BY-LAWS

Subject to the limitations contained in the by-laws, and any limitations set forth in the Corporations Not For Profit Law of the State of Florida, concerning corporate action that must be authorized or approved by the members of the corporation, by-laws of this corporation may be made, altered, rescinded, added to, or new by-laws may be adopted, either by a resolution of the Board of Directors, or by following the procedure set forth therefore in the by-laws

#### **ARTICLE X**

#### **DEDICATION OF ASSETS**

The property of this corporation is irrevocably dedicated to educational, inspirational, motivational, charitable purposes, and no part of the net income or assets of this corporation shall ever inure to the benefit of any director, officer or member thereof, or to the benefit of any private individual.

#### **ARTICLE XI**

#### REGISTERED AGENT AND OFFICE

The address of the corporation's registered office shall be 2983 Sea Oats Circle, Daytona Beach Shores, Florida 32118, and the name of the registered agent at said address shall be: Jan Brooke Harte.

#### ARTICLE XII

#### AMENDMENT OF ARTICLES

Amendments to these Articles of Incorporation may be proposed by a resolution adopted by the Board of Directors and presented to a quorum of members for their vote in the manner set forth in the bylaws of this corporation.

The Acorn Foundation, Inc. shall commence:

Effective date January 1, 2001.

We, the undersigned, being the Subscriber (s) and Incorporator (s) of this corporation, for the purpose of forming this nonprofit corporation under the laws of the State of Florida, have executed these Articles of Incorporation, this <a href="#">Both</a> day of <a href="#">December</a>, 2000.

WITNESSED BY:

lan Brooke Harte

SECRETARY OF STATE
TALLAHASSEE, FLORID

The undersigned having been named to accept Service of Process for THE ACORN FOUNDATION INC. at the place designated in Article XI of the Articles of Incorporation, hereby accepts the obligations as Registered Agent and agrees to comply with the provisions of Section 607.0505, Florida Statutes, relative to keeping open said office.

REGISTERED AGENT

### STATE OF FLORIDA COUNTY OF VOLUSIA

| BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, personally appeared, Jan  |
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| Brooke Harte, who is (personally known to me) (or who has   |
| Brooke Harte, who is (personally known to me) (or who has produced) FULGUAL-428-47-730-(as identification) and to |
| me known to be the person (s) who executed the foregoing Articles of  |
| Incorporation and she acknowledged to and before me that she  |
| executed such instrument.   |
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