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## ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF L.E.A.N.T.O. inc.

# A Florida "Not for Profit" Corporation

The undersigned, acting as incorporator of a corporation under Chapter 617 of Florida Statutes, adopts the following Articles of Incorporation:

## ARTICLE I

NAME: The name of the corporation shall be L.E.A.N.T.O. Inc.

## ARTICLE II

PRINCIPAL OFFICE: The principal place of business and mailing address of the corporation shall be: 229 E. Evans St. Orlando, Florida 32804

#### ARTICLE III

PURPOSE: The purposes for which this corporation is formed are exclusively charitable and educational and consist of the following:

1. To provide relief to the poor, the distressed and the underprivileged by engaging in or supporting activities to eliminate blight, assist in urban renewal efforts, offer discourse and workshops on the practical application of sustainable living techniques and provide needed products and services at little or no cost.

2. To lessen neighborhood tensions, eliminate prejudice, eliminate discrimination, and combat community deterioration through the creation of community meeting areas.

3. To aid, support, and assist by gifts, contributions, or otherwise, other corporations, community chests, funds and foundations organized and operated exclusively for charitable, educational or scientific purposes, no part of the net earnings of which inures to the benefit of any private shareholder or individual, and no substantial part of the activities of which is carrying on propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation.

4. To do any and all lawful activities which may be necessary, useful, or desirable for the furtherance, accomplishment, fostering, or attaining of the foregoing purposes, either directly or indirectly, and either alone or in conjunction or cooperation with others, whether such others be persons or organizations of any kind or nature, such as corporations, firms, association, trusts, institutions, foundations, or governmental bureaus, departments or agencies.

5. All of the foregoing purposes shall be exercised exclusively for charitable and educational purposes in such a manner that the Corporation will qualify as an exempt organization under section 501 (c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue law.

## ARTICLE IV

MANNER OF ELECTION: The method of selection of the Board of Directors shall be stated in the bylaws.

# ARTICLE V

#### INITIAL DIRECTORS:

1. The number of directors constituting the first Board of Directors shall be three (3). Thereafter, the number of directors constituting the Board shall be as provided in the bylaws of the Corporation; provided, however, that there shall never be less than three (3) directors.

2. The names and addresses of the first Board of Directors who shall serve until their successors are elected or appointed at the first annual meeting of the membership of the Corporation are as follows:

Elijah D. Shipley 229 E. Evans St. Orlando, Florida 32804

Luke A. Russell 3832 Rosemear Brookfield, Illinois 60513

Forest Raven 4450 Arrowhead Road Silver City, New Mexico 88061

#### ARTICLE VI

INITIAL REGISTERED AGENT AND STREET ADDRESS: The name and Florida street address of the registered agent of the corporation is: Elijah D. Shipley 229 E. Evans St.

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#### **ARTICLE VII**

INCORPORATOR: The name and address of the incorporator is: Elijah D. Shipley 229 E. Evans St. Orlando, Florida 32804

#### **ARTICLE VIII**

501(c)(3) LIMITATIONS: 1. CORPORATE PURPOSES: Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, this organization shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on by an organization exempt from Federal and state income tax under section 501 (c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue law.

2. EXCLUSIVITY: The Corporation is organized exclusively for charitable and educational purposes.

3. NO PRIVATE INUREMENT: The Corporation is not organized nor shall it be operated for the primary purpose of generating pecuniary gain or profit. The Corporation shall not distribute any gains, profits or dividends to the Directors, Officers, or Members thereof, or to any individual, except as reasonable compensation for services actually performed in carrying out the Corporation's charitable and educational purposes. The property, assets, profits and net income of the Corporation are irrevocably dedicated to charitable and educational purposes no part of which shall inure to the benefit of any individual.

4. LOBBYING AND POLITICAL CAMPAIGNS: No substantial part of the activities of the corporation shall consist of the carrying on of propaganda or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the corporation shall not participate in, or intervene in, any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office.

5. DISSOLUTION: Upon winding up and dissolution of the Corporation, the assets of the Corporation remaining after payment of all debts and liabilities shall be distributed to an organization recognized as exempt under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to be used exclusively for charitable and educational purposes. If the Corporation holds any assets in trust, such assets shall be disposed of in such a manner as may be directed by decree of the Circuit Court of the district in which the Corporation's principal office is located, upon petition thereof by the Attorney General or by any person concerned in the liquidation.

6. "PRIVATE FOUNDATION" PROVISIONS: In the event this Corporation is considered to be a "Private Foundation" by the U.S. Internal Revenue Service under provisions of the United States Code the following provisions apply:

a.) The Corporation will distribute its income for each tax year at a time and in a manner as not to become subject to the tax on undistributed income imposed by section 4942 of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

b.) The Corporation will not engage in any act of self-dealing as defined in section 4941(d) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

c.) The Corporation will not retain any excess business holdings as defined in section 4943(c) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

d.) The Corporation will not make any investments in a manner as to subject it to tax under section 4944 of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

e.) The Corporation will not make any taxable expenditure as defined in section 4945(d) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

#### INDEMNIFICATION

Any person (and the heirs, executors and administrators of such person) made or threatened to be made a party to any action, suit of proceeding by reason of the fact that he is or was a Director or Officer of the Corporation shall be indemnified by the Corporation against any and all liability and the reasonable expenses, including attorney's fees and disbursements, incurred by him (or by his heirs, executors or administrators) in connection with the defense or settlement of such action, suit or proceeding, or in connection with any appearance therein, except in relation to matters as to which it shall be adjudged in such action, suit or proceeding that such Director or Officer is liable for negligence or misconduct in the performance of his duties. Such right of indemnification shall not be deemed exclusive of any other rights to which such Director or Officer (or such heirs, executors or administrators) may be entitled apart from this Article.

#### EXECUTION

These Articles of Incorporation are hereby executed by the incorporator on this  $13^{th}$  day of <u>GetoBER</u>, 2005.

NOTARY PUBLIC STATE OF FLORIDA

My Commission Expires:()

STATE OF FLORIDA COUNTY OF ORANGE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this day, before me, an officer duly authorized in the State aforesaid and in the County aforesaid to take acknowledgments, personally appeared Elijah D. Shipley who is either personally known to me or who produced a valid Florida Driver's license, executed the foregoing instrument as incorporator (or the agent of the incorporator) and acknowledged before me that he or she executed the same.

WITNESS my hand and official seal in the County and State last aforesaid this 13th

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My Commission DD286716 Expires February 02, 2008

## REGISTERED AGENT'S ACCEPTANCE OF APPOINTMENT

I hereby accept my appointment as registered agent for L.E.A.N.T.O. Inc., a Florida Not for Profit *g*arporation.

Elijah Ø Shipley

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