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# **Ron Selby**

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VIA: US Priority Mail

Department of State Division of Corporations P.O. Box 6327 Tallahassee, FL 32314 February 4, 2019

Re:

800-ANTI-STIGMA TALKLINE OF AMERICA, INC.

To Whom It May Concern:

Enclosed please find the original and two copies of the Articles of Incorporation for 800-ANTI-STIGMA TALKLINE OF AMERICA, INC. together with a check in the amount of \$87.50 for the Filing Fee, Certified Copy, and Certificate.

Please file these Articles upon receipt and return a certified copy to my address. The email address to use for future annual report notifications is ron@ronselby.com.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter. If you have any questions or concerns, I can be reached at 941-488-9000.

Sincerely,

Ron Selby

Enc.

#### ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

#### **OF**

#### 800-ANTI-STIGMA TALKLINE OF AMERICA, INC.

The undersigned, acting as incorporator of the **800-ANTI-STIGMA TALKLINE OF AMERICA, INC.**, a Florida corporation not for profit, acting pursuant to Chapter 617 of the Florida Statutes, hereby adopts the following Articles of Incorporation for **800-ANTI-STIGMA** 

#### **ARTICLE I - NAME**

The name of the corporation shall be 800-ANTI-STIGMA TALKLINE OF AMERICA, INC.

TALKLINE OF AMERICA, INC., a Florida corporation not for profit.

#### ARTICLE II – PURPOSE AND POWERS

- Purposes. The purposes for which this Corporation are organized are exclusively charitable, scientific, literary and education within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 or the corresponding provisions of any future United States Internal Revenue law. Specifically, the main purposes of this Corporation are to promote improved mental health by (I) marketing and promoting the easy to remember 800-ANTI-STIGMA number to unify existing and future resources of talk, text, chat and email crisis and non-crisis warm lines into a single national talkline, (II) marketing and promoting local, state, and national ad campaigns to encourage acceptance that talking about one's mental health or feelings is okay, a sign of strength, and should never be judged or stigmatized, (III) marketing and promoting a national 800-ANTI-STIGMA talkline awareness campaign project for all middle school teachers, students, and parents, and (IV) to do all things not contrary to the laws of the State of Florida, and of the United States, that are consistent with the above.
- Section 2. Powers. The Corporation is organized as a corporation not-for-profit under Chapter 617, Florida Statutes. It shall possess all of the powers enumerated in Chapter 617 Florida Statutes, as well as subsequent amendments or restatements thereto and the above statement of corporate purpose shall in no way be restrictive or limiting in any way to the powers of the Corporation, or their exercise and enjoyment. Specifically, without limitation, the Corporation may (a) buy,

acquire, receive by gift, loan, lease or exchange, and hold real and personal property, including money, bonds, securities, and intangible personal property; (b) repair, improve, sell, convey, mortgage, pledge, lease, exchange, dispose of, and otherwise deal with all or any part of its property and assets; (c) borrow money and incur debts, and in connection therewith, execute, issue and deliver promissory notes, bonds, debentures, and other evidences of indebtedness, and secure the same with mortgages or pledges of the property of the Corporation; (d) make contracts of any kind; (e) enter into leases and rental agreements; (f) solicit and receive funds, gifts, endowments, donations, devises and bequests, and (g) exercise all powers necessary or convenient to effect any or all of the purposes of the Corporation. The powers enumerated herein are not in limitation of any powers conferred upon the Corporation by law. Notwithstanding anything contained herein to the contrary, the Corporation shall exercise only such powers as are in furtherance of the exempt purposes of organizations described in Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended.

# **ARTICLE III – MEMBERS**

The members of the Corporation shall consist of organizations, entities and individuals that have a sincere interest in promoting improved mental health. Eligibility, classification, obligations, duties, and liabilities of members and the manner of admission of members shall be determined and fixed by the Corporation's By-Laws. The members of this Corporation shall have no right to vote except as specifically provided in these Articles or in the By-Laws.

# <u>ARTICLE IV – NONDISCRIMINATION</u>

This Corporation does not discriminate against any member, client, volunteer or employee on the basis of race, color, age, sex, handicap, religion, national or ethnic origin, ancestry, sexual orientation or lifestyle.

#### ARTICLE V – TERM OF EXISTENCE

The Corporation shall have perpetual existence unless it shall be dissolved according to the laws of the State of Florida.

# **ARTICLE VI – DIRECTORS**

The Corporation shall be managed, its properties controlled and its officers governed under the direction of its Board of Directors. The number of directors of the Corporation shall be the number from time to time fixed in accordance with the terms and conditions of the By-Laws, but at no time shall said number of directors be less than three (3).

#### ARTICLE VII - INITIAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The names and addresses of the initial directors are:

<u>Name</u> <u>Address</u>

Ron Selby 11898 Tempest Harbor Loop, Venice, Florida, 34292

Andrea Oddo 200 Sunnyside Drive, Venice, Florida 34293

Candace Ferris 715 Matland Street, Nokomis, Florida 34275

# **ARTICLE VIII – OFFICERS**

The officers of the Corporation shall consist of a President/Chairperson, a Vice-President/Co-chairperson, and a Secretary/Treasurer, and such other officers, including any number of vice-presidents/co-chairpersons, as the Board of Directors may elect. The officers of the Corporation shall be elected by the Board of Directors of the Corporation annually as provided in the By-Laws. Two or more officers may be held by the same person.

#### **ARTICLE IX – INITIAL OFFICERS**

Name <u>Title</u>

Ron Selby President/Chairperson

Andrea Oddo Vice-President/Co-chairperson

Candace Ferris Secretary/Treasurer

#### ARTICLE X - AMENDMENT OF BY-LAWS

Except as otherwise required by law, the By-Laws 'of the Corporation may be amended, altered or rescinded, or new by-laws may be adopted at any regular meeting of the Board of Directors, or at a special meeting of the Board of Directors called for that purpose, provided that written notice of the proposed amendment shall have been given at least ten (10) days prior to such regular or special meeting. To be adopted, such amendment must receive a simple majority of the members of the Board of Directors present at a duly constituted meeting. An amendment to the By-Laws that changes or deletes a greater quorum or voting requirement must meet the same quorum or voting requirement and be adoption by the same vote and voting groups required to take action under the quorum and voting requirements prescribed in the provision being amended.

# <u>ARTICLE XI – AMENDMENT OF ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION</u>

The Corporation reserves the right to amend, alter, change, or repeal any provision in these Articles of Incorporation in the manner prescribed by law and all rights conferred on members are subject to this reservation. Amendments to these Articles of Incorporation may be effected at any regular meeting of the Board of Directors, or at a special meeting of the Board of Directors called for that purpose, provided that written notice of the proposed amendment shall have been given at least ten (10) days prior to such regular or special meeting. To be adopted, such amendment must receive a simple majority vote of the members of the Board of Directors present at a duly constituted meeting. An amendment to the Articles that changes or deletes a greater quorum or voting requirement must meet the same quorum or voting requirement and

be adopted by the same vote and voting groups required to take action under the quorum and voting requirements prescribed in the provision being amended.

### ARTICLE XII - NON-PROFIT CHARACTER

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 herein above set forth. Notwithstanding any other provision of these Articles, no substantial part of the activities of the Corporation shall be the carrying on or 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, except as authorized under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 as amended (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law.) 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 1986 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 1986, as amended (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law).

#### **ARTICLE XIII - DISSOLUTION**

Under the dissolution of the Corporation or the winding up of its affairs, 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 exclusively for the purposes of the Corporation in such manner, or to such organization or organizations organized. and operated exclusively for charitable, scientific, literary and educational purposes as shall at the time qualify as an exempt organization or organizations under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law) as the Board of Directors shall determine. Any of such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by the court having jurisdiction in the premises, exclusively for charitable, scientific, literary and educational purposes or to such organization or organizations, as said court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for purposes similar to the purpose of the Corporation enumerated herein.

#### **ARTICLE XIV - NO PERSONAL LIABILITY**

The Directors, Officers, and agents of the Corporation shall not be held personally liable or responsible for any contracts, debts, or defaults of the Corporation while acting for or on behalf of the Corporation in any official and authorized capacity. The Corporation shall indemnify all of its Directors, Officers, and agents and all of its former officers, directors, and agents, to the fullest extent permitted by law.

# <u>ARTICLE XV - PRINCIPAL OFFICE, REGISTERED OFFICE AND REGISTERED AGENT</u>

The street address of the initial principal office of the Corporation is 11898 Tempest Harbor Loop, Venice, Florida 34292. The mailing address is 11898 Tempest Harbor Loop, Venice, Florida 34292. The name and address of the present registered agent is Ron Selby, 11898 Tempest Harbor Loop, Venice, Florida 34292.

# ARTICLE XVI - NAME AND ADDRESS OF THE INCORPORATOR

The name and address of the Incorporator is Ron Selby, 11898 Tempest Harbor Loop, Venice, Florida 34292. I submit this document and affirm that the facts stated herein are true. I am aware that any false information submitted in a document to the Department of State constitutes a third degree felony as provided for in s.817.155, F.S.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned incorporator has executed these Articles of Incorporation for 800-ANTI-STIGMA TALKLINE OF AMERICA, INC., a Florida not for profit this 4<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2019.

**Ron Selby** 

STATE OF FLORIDA COUNTY OF SARASOTA

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this 4<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2019 by **Ron Selby** who is [ ] personally known to me or [<u>k</u>] has produced

FL drivers Licrose as identification and who did take an oath.

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CERTIFICATE OF DESIGNATION
REGISTERED AGENT/REGISTERED OFFICE
OF

800-ANTI-STIGMA TALKLINE OF AMERICA, INC.

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 617.0501, Florida Statutes, the undersigned corporation, organized under the laws of the State of Florida, submits the following statement in designating the registered office/registered agent, in the State of Florida,

1. The name of the corporation is: 800-ANTI-STIGMA TALKLINE OF AMERICA, INC.

2. The name and address of the registered agent and office is:

Ron Selby 11898 Tempest Harbor Loop Venice, Florida 34292

Having been named as registered agent to accept service of process for the above-named corporation, at the place designated in this certificate, the undersigned is familiar with and hereby accepts the appointment as registered agent and agrees to act in this capacity. The undersigned further agrees to comply with the provisions of all statutes relating to the proper and complete performance of the undersigned's duties, and the undersigned is familiar with and accepts the obligations of the position as registered agent.

DATED this 4th day of February, 2019.

Ron Selby