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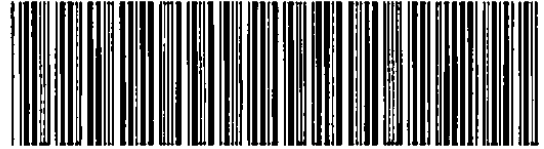
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Florida Nonprofit Articles of Incorporation

Articles of Incorporation

In Compliance with Chapter 617, F.S., (Not for Profit)

Article I Name

The name of the corporation shall be: **Hearing Loss Association of America – Sarasota/Manatee Chapter Corporation.**

Article II Principal Office

The principal street address is: 7654 Silverwood Court, Lakewood Ranch, FL 34202

The principal mailing address is: P. O. Box 48643, Sarasota, FL 34230.

Article III Purpose

The corporation is organized exclusively for charitable, religious, educational, and scientific purposes, including, for such purposes, the making of distributions to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code. The mission is empower people with hearing loss to lead more active lives in the community by promoting hearing loss advocacy, education, information, and support to the over 160,000 people with hearing loss in the two-county community.

Article IV Manner of Election

The manner in which the directors are elected or appointed is provided in the bylaws of the corporation which provide for staggered biennial (two-year terms) elections of the membership.

Article V Initial Directors and/or Officers

President	Valerie Stafford-Mallis	11319 Pine Lilly Place	Lakewood Ranch FL 34202
Vice President	Chris Goodier	514 Oak Bay Dr.	Osprey FL 3422
Secretary	Maria Anderson	734 Seagate Dr.	Tampa FL 33602
Treasurer	John Wagner	1255 Gulfstream Ave, #901	Sarasota FL 34236
Director	JoAnne Devries	1350 Main St.	Sarasota FL 34236
Director	Alison Gerardi	14259 Gnatcatcher Ter.	Lakewood Ranch FL 34202
Director	Lisa Talcott	6713 93 rd St.	Bradenton FL 34202
Director	Peg Guy	3966 Country View Dr.	Sarasota FL 34233
Director (ex-officio)	Anne Taylor	11651 Anhinga Ave.	Venice FL 34292

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Article VI Limitations

No part of the net earnings of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its members, trustees, 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 III 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 or in opposition to any candidate for public office.

Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, this 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, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or (b) by a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

Article VII Dedication of Assets

Upon the dissolution, termination, or winding up of the corporation, assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of a future federal tax code, or shall be distributed to the federal government, or to a state or local government, for a public purpose. Any such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by a Court of Competent Jurisdiction of the county in which the principal office of the corporation is then located, exclusively for such purposes or to such organization or organizations, as said Court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.

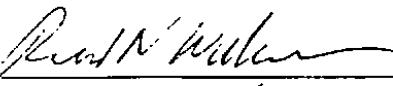

Article VIII Initial Registered Agent and Street Address

The name and Florida street address of the registered agent is: Richard N. Williams, 7654 Silverwood Court, Lakewood Ranch, FL 34202.

Article IX Incorporator

The name and address of the Incorporator is: Richard N. Williams, 7654 Silverwood Court, Lakewood Ranch, FL 34202.

Having been named as registered agent to accept service of process for the above stated corporation at the place designated in this certificate, I am familiar with and accept the appointment as registered agent and agree to act in this capacity.

Signature of Registered Agent:  Date 1-2-2023
Signature of Incorporator:  Date 1-2-2023

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