STATE OF MONTANA

ARTICLES of INCORPORATION
for DOMESTIC NONPROFIT
CORPORATION
(35-2-213, MCA)

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Executed by the undersigned person for the purpose of forming a Montana nonprofit corporation.

FIRST: The name of the Nonprofit Corporation is Big Sky Institute for the Advancement of Nonprofits.

SECOND: The name and address of the registered office/agent in Montana:

Name: Michael D. Schechtman
Street Address: 32 South Ewing, Suite 329
Mailing Address: (same)
City: Helena, MONTANA Zip Code: 59601

THIRD: The name and address of the incorporator is as follows:

Name: Michael D. Schechtman
Address: 32 South Ewing, Suite 329
Helena, MT Zip Code: 59601

FOURTH: The Nonprofit Corporation □ WILL □ WILL NOT have members.

FIFTH: This Nonprofit Corporation is a (check one):
☑ Public Benefit Corporation
□ Mutual Benefit Corporation
□ Religious Corporation

SIXTH: Upon dissolution, the assets shall be distributed in the following manner:

to one or more 501(c)(3) organizations

March 20, 1999
Dated

Michael D. Schechtman
Signature of Incorporator

☑ Priority Filing Add $20.00

Prepare, sign and submit an ORIGINAL AND COPY with fee.
This is the minimum information required.

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BIG SKY INSTITUTE  
FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF NONPROFITS  
ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION 

Article I. Name 

The name of the corporation is the Big Sky Institute for the Advancement of Nonprofits. 

Article II. Duration  

The period of duration of this corporation is perpetual. 

Article III. Purposes  

A. The corporation is organized and shall be operated exclusively for charitable, scientific, and educational purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code. 

B. Such purposes shall include undertaking research, surveys, assessments, preparation of reports, dissemination, education, and special projects to enhance the nonprofit sector in Montana and other states. 

C. The corporation is designated as a public benefit corporation. 

Article IV. Nonprofit Nature 

A. The corporation is not organized and shall not be operated for the private gain of any person. The property of the corporation is irrevocably dedicated to its charitable, scientific, and educational purposes. No part of the assets, receipts, or net earnings of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributed to, any individual. The corporation may, however, pay reasonable compensation for services rendered, and make other payments and distributions consistent with these Articles. 

B. Upon dissolution of the corporation, any assets remaining after provision has been made for paying the corporation's liabilities shall be distributed only to one or more organizations which are exempt from federal income taxation under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. 

C. The corporation shall not: 

1) carry on any activities not permitted to be carried on by a corporation exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, to which contributions are deductible
under Section 170 of the Code;

2) participate or intervene (including publishing or distributing statements) in any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office; or

3) carry on propaganda, or otherwise attempt to influence legislation, to an extent that would disqualify it for exemption under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

**Article 5. Board of Directors**

The corporation shall be governed by a Board of Directors.

**Article 6. Members**

The corporation will not have members.

**Article 7. Registered Agent and Office**

The registered agent and office shall be:

Michael D. Schechtman  
32 South Ewing <> Suite 329  
Helena, MT  59601

**Article 8. Amendments**

These Articles may be amended by a majority vote of the Board of Directors.

**Article 9. Incorporator**

The incorporator is: Michael D. Schechtman  
32 South Ewing <> Suite 329  
Helena, MT  59601

In witness thereof, I have signed this document on **March 20, 1999**.

Michael D. Schechtman, Incorporator