## Michigan Department of Energy, Labor & Economic Growth

# Filing Endorsement

This is to Certify that the ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION - NONPROFIT

for

20 LITERS

ID NUMBER: 70908D

received by facsimile transmission on September 3, 2010 is hereby endorsed Filed on September 3, 2010 by the Administrator.

The document is effective on the date filed, unless a subsequent effective date within 90 days after received date is stated in the document.



In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Seal of the Department, in the City of Lansing, this 3RD day of September, 2010.

## ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

OF

#### 20 LITERS

Pursuant to the provisions of Act 162, Public Acts of 1982, the undersigned corporation executes the following Articles:

### ARTICLE I

The name of the corporation is 20 LITERS.

#### ARTICLE II

- 1. The purpose or purposes for which the corporation is organized are exclusively for charitable, educational, scientific and religious purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended ("Code"), or corresponding provisions of any subsequent federal tax laws, including the making of distributions to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations under Section 501(c)(3) of the Code.
- 2. The specific purpose for which the corporation is organized is to create awareness, activists, and funding to provide access to clean water through simple cost-effective solutions, especially to those living in poverty.
- 3. 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 the purpose clause 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 distributing of statements), any political campaign on behalf of (or in opposition to) any candidate for public office. Notwithstanding any other provision of this document, the corporation shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by an organization exempt from federal income tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Code, or (b) by an organization, contributions to which are deductible under Section 170(c)(2) of the Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

- Upon the dissolution or liquidation of the corporation, assets shall be distributed to that exempt organization (described in Code Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, as amended) as set forth in the Bylaws of the corporation. The corporation shall not engage in any transaction or do or permit any act or omission which shall operate to deprive it of its tax exempt status under Section 501(c)(3) of the Code.
  - 5. If the corporation is a private foundation as defined in Section 509 of the Code:
  - The corporation will distribute its income for each taxable year at such time and in such manner as not to become subject to the tax on undistributed income imposed by Section 4942 of the Code, or 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 Code, or 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 Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code;
  - The corporation will not make any investments in such manner as to subject it to tax under Section 4944 of the Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code;
  - The corporation will not make any taxable expenditures as defined in Section 4945(d) of the Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

#### ARTICLE III

The corporation is organized on a non-stock basis.

The corporation has no real property or personal property assets.

The corporation is to be financed through contributions from individuals, foundations or other organizations.

The corporation is organized on a directorship basis.

## **ARTICLE IV**

The address of the registered office is 3501 Fairlanes Ave., S.W., Grandville, Michigan 49418.

The name of the resident agent at the registered office is: Thomas Spelde.

#### ARTICLE V

The name and address of the Incorporator is:

NAME

**BUSINESS ADDRESS** 

Ronald E. David

50 Monroe Avenue, N.W., Ste. 720W

Grand Rapids, MI 49503

#### ARTICLE VI

A volunteer director shall not be personally liable to the corporation or its members for monetary damages for a breach of the director's fiduciary duty. This provision shall not eliminate or limit the liability of a director for any of the following:

- (a) A breach of the director's duty of loyalty to the corporation or its members;
- (b) Acts or omissions not in good faith or that involve intentional misconduct or a known violation of law;
  - (c) A violation of Section 551(1) of the Michigan Nonprofit Corporation Act;
  - (d) A transaction from which the director derived an improper personal benefit;
  - (e) An act or omission occurring before the date of filing;
  - (f) An act or omission that is grossly negligent.

The corporation assumes all liability to any person other than the corporation or its members for all acts or omissions of a volunteer director occurring on or after the date of filing, to the fullest extent allowed by Michigan law.

## ARTICLE VII

The Corporation assumes liability for all acts or omissions of a non-director volunteer if all of the following are met:

- (a) The volunteer was acting or reasonably believed he or she was acting within the scope of his or her authority;
  - (b) The volunteer was acting in good faith;
- (c) The volunteer's conduct did not amount to gross negligence or willful and wanton misconduct;
  - (d) The volunteer's conduct was not an intentional tort; and
- (e) The volunteer's conduct was not a tort arising out of the ownership, maintenance or use of a motor vehicle for which tort liability may be imposed as provided in Section 500.3135 of the Michigan Compiled Laws.

I, the Incorporator, sign my name this 1st day of September, 2010.

Ronald E. David

## AFTER FILING, PLEASE RETURN TO:

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