

**SUNSHINE OF THE SPIRIT - HIGH DESERT CONVENTION
ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION**

ARTICLE I: Name

1.1 Name

The name of this corporation shall be Sunshine of the Spirit - High Desert Convention. The business of the corporation may be conducted as SOTS-HDC or Sunshine of the Spirit High Desert Convention.

ARTICLE II: Duration

2.1 Duration

The period of duration of the corporation is perpetual.

ARTICLE III: Purpose

3.1 Purpose

The Sunshine of the Spirit - High Desert Convention is a non-profit corporation and shall operate exclusively for educational and charitable purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future Federal tax code.

1. The specific purpose of this corporation is to:
 - a. Provide an effective forum for interaction, problem solving, and discussion of personal experience, strength, and hope between individuals and groups.
 - b. To promote unity, service, and recovery within the Alcoholics Anonymous fellowship through organizing an annual convention featuring AA speakers, panels, and discussions.

To maximize our impact on current efforts, we may seek to collaborate with other non-profit organizations which fall under the 501(c)(3) section of the internal revenue code and are operated exclusively for educational and charitable purposes.

At times, per the discretion of the Board of Directors, we may provide volunteer opportunities for involvement in said activities, events, and programs in order to have a greater impact on the community.

3.2 Public Benefit

The Sunshine of the Spirit - High Desert Convention is designated as a public benefit corporation.

ARTICLE IV: Non-Profit Nature

4.1 Non-profit Nature

The Sunshine of the Spirit - High Desert Convention is formed as a nonprofit corporation under section 501(c)(3) exclusively for educational and charitable purposes, by organizing an annual

Alcoholics Anonymous convention. This convention facilitates workshops, meetings, and events to help AA members in the High Desert region to connect in recovery and gain knowledge, strength, and hope to achieve and maintain sobriety.

Notwithstanding any other provision of this document, the corporation shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by any organization exempt from federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or (b) by an organization, contributions to which are deductible under section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

The Sunshine of the Spirit - High Desert Convention 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 educational and charitable 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.

4.2 Personal Liability

No officer or director of this corporation shall be personally liable for the debts or obligations of the Sunshine of the Spirit - High Desert Convention of any nature whatsoever, nor shall any other property or assets of the officers or directors be subject to the payment of the debts or obligations of this corporation.

4.3 Dissolution

If the Sunshine of the Spirit - High Desert Convention is dissolved, the Board of Directors shall distribute the assets and accrued income to one or more organizations that qualify as exempt organizations under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, in accordance with the organization's bylaws. Any such assets not so disposed of shall be distributed to an organization or organizations that include a similar purpose to the terminating or dissolving corporation. No part of the assets, receipts, or net earnings of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of or be distributed to any individual upon dissolution.

4.4 Prohibited Distributions

No part of the net earnings, or properties of the corporation, on dissolution or otherwise, shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to, its members, directors, officers, or other private person or individual, 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, Section 3.1.

4.5 Restricted Activities

No substantial part of the corporation's activities 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.

4.6 Prohibited Activities

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 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 V: Board of Directors

Governance:

The Sunshine of the Spirit - High Desert Convention shall be governed by its Board of Directors. The Board of Directors shall consist of seven (7) Directors. The Directors shall be the most recent two (2) convention Chairpersons, the current convention Chairperson, and the current convention Co-Chairperson. The senior member will serve as the Board Chairperson and will rotate off annually. The remaining three (3) Directors shall consist of the current Secretary, the current Treasurer, and one member to be elected (Member-At-Large) by the convention committee each year.

Internal Directors:

The initial directors and positions of the corporation shall be:

Past Chairperson – Jennifer Pulido

Past Chairperson – Heather Thomas

Chairperson – Kimberly Williams

Co-Chairperson – Robert Pulido

Secretary – Christina B

Treasurer – Laura Welsh

Member At Large – Carol Whitton

ARTICLE VI: Membership

The Sunshine of the Spirit - High Desert shall have no members. The management of the affairs of the corporation shall be vested in a Board of Directors, as defined in the corporation's bylaws.

ARTICLE VII: Amendments

Amendments

1. Proposed amendments to these Guidelines shall be submitted in writing to the Board of Directors for review.
2. These Guidelines may be altered or changed by a 2/3 vote of the Board of Directors at a meeting at which a quorum is present, provided that the proposed changes have been presented in writing to the members at least two (2) weeks prior to the meeting at which the voting takes place.

ARTICLE VIII: Address of the Corporation

Corporate Address

The mailing address of the corporation is:

PO Box 1894

Apple Valley, CA 92307

ARTICLE IX: Appointment of Registered Agent

Registered Agent

Joseph Thomas

18355 CA Hwy 18, Suite G

Apple Valley, CA 92307

ARTICLE X: Incorporator

The incorporator(s) of the corporation are as follow:

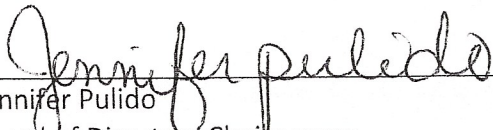
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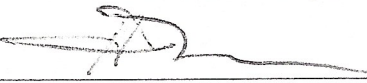
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Certificate of Adoption of Articles of Incorporation

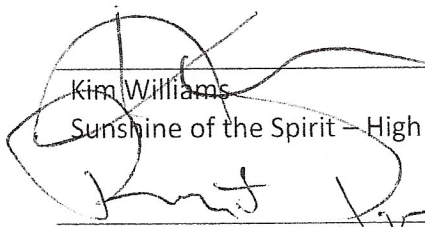
We, the undersigned, do hereby certify that the above stated Articles of Incorporation of the Sunshine of the Spirit - High Desert Convention were approved by the Board of Directors on February 8, 2024 and constitute a complete copy of Articles of Incorporation of the Sunshine of the Spirit - High Desert Convention.


Jennifer Pulido
Board of Directors Chairperson

2-8-24
Date


Heather Thomas
Board of Directors Co-Chairperson

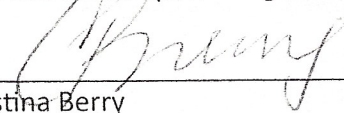
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Kim Williams
Sunshine of the Spirit - High Desert Convention Chairperson

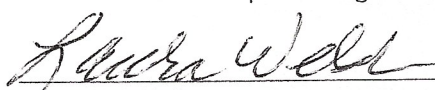
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Robert Pulido
Sunshine of the Spirit - High Desert Convention Co-Chairperson

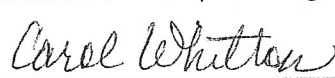
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Christina Berry
Sunshine of the Spirit - High Desert Convention Secretary

2/8/2024
Date


Laura Welsh
Sunshine of the Spirit - High Desert Convention Treasurer

2/8/24
Date


Carol Whitton
Sunshine of the Spirit - High Desert Convention Member-at-Large

2/8/24
Date