

**ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION
OF
FRIENDS OF BIG SKY EDUCATION,
a Montana nonprofit corporation**

The undersigned, for the purpose of forming a corporation under the Montana Nonprofit Corporation Act, does hereby adopt the following Articles of Incorporation.

ARTICLE ONE - NAME

The name of the corporation is Friends of Big Sky Education.

ARTICLE TWO - DESIGNATION

The corporation is a public benefit corporation.

ARTICLE THREE - PURPOSES

The corporation is organized exclusively for charitable purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code now enacted or hereafter amended, including for such purposes, the making of distributions to organizations under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

ARTICLE FOUR - MEMBERSHIP

The corporation will have members.

ARTICLE FIVE - REGISTERED AGENT OFFICE/AGENT

The name of the corporation's registered agent is J. Mark Goode. The address of the registered agent is 1 Mountain Loop, Saddle Ridge No. W-1, Big Sky, MT 59716. The mailing address of the registered agent is P.O. Box 161157, Big Sky, MT 59716.

Signature of Agent:  _____

ARTICLE SIX - INCORPORATOR

The name of the incorporator is J. Mark Goode. The address of the incorporator is 1 Mountain Loop, Saddle Ridge No. W-1, Big Sky, MT 59716. The mailing address of the incorporator is P.O. Box 161157, Big Sky, MT 59716.

ARTICLE SEVEN - DISSOLUTION

Upon dissolution, the assets shall be distributed in the following manner: Upon the dissolution 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 provisions of any future federal tax code), or 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 organizations operated exclusively for such purposes.

ARTICLE EIGHT – LIMITATIONS

No part of the net earnings of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to any member of the corporation not qualifying as exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code as now enacted or hereafter amended, nor to any director or officer of the corporation, nor to any other private persons, excepting solely such reasonable compensation that the corporation shall pay for services actually rendered to the corporation, or allowed by the corporation as a reasonable allowance for authorized expenditures incurred on behalf of the corporation. No substantial part of the activities of the corporation shall constitute carrying on of propaganda or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the corporation shall not participate in, or intervene in (including by publication 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, the corporation shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on by a corporation exempt from federal income tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code as now enacted or hereafter amended.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, these Articles of Incorporation have been executed on the 10th day of December, 2004.



J. Mark Goode, Incorporator