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May 8, 2002

Greetings:

RE: MONTANA NONPROFIT  
ASSOCIATION, INC.  
ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION  
Date of Filing: May 6, 2002  
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I've approved the filing of the documents for the above named entity. The document number and filing date have been recorded on the original document. This letter serves as your certificate of filing and should be maintained in your files for future reference.

Thank you for giving this office the opportunity to serve you. If you have any questions in this regard, or need additional assistance, please do not hesitate to contact the Business Services Bureau professionals at (406) 444-3665.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Bob Brown".

Bob Brown  
Secretary of State  
Enclosure

# STATE OF MONTANA

Prepare, sign and submit an ORIGINAL AND COPY with fee.

This is the minimum information required.

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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 \_\_\_\_\_  
Montana Nonprofit Association, Inc.

▶ **SECOND:** The name and address of the registered office/agent in Montana:  
Name Joy McGrath  
Street Address 825 Helena Avenue  
Mailing Address (same)  
City Helena, MONTANA Zip Code 59601

Signature of Agent (Required) Joy McGrath

▶ **THIRD:** The name and address of the incorporator is as follows:  
Name Joy McGrath  
Address 825 Helena Avenue  
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

Joy McGrath  
Signature of Incorporator Date 5-2-02

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# ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

OF

## MONTANA NONPROFIT ASSOCIATION, INC. A Montana Nonprofit Public Benefit Corporation

### ARTICLE I

#### Name

The name of the Corporation shall be MONTANA NONPROFIT ASSOCIATION, INC.

### ARTICLE II

#### Purpose

This corporation shall be a public benefit corporation.

This Corporation's purpose is to strengthen the leadership, skills, effectiveness, and efficiency of Montana's nonprofits; enabling them to further enrich the quality of community and personal life in Montana. It promotes a stronger nonprofit sector and supportive public climate through research, education, training, public policy education, access to affordable goods and services, and special projects.

Said Corporation is organized exclusively for charitable and educational 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 corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

No part of the net earnings of the organization shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its members, trustees, officers, or other private persons, except that the organization 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 organization shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the organization shall not participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements) any political campaign, on behalf of any candidate for public office. Notwithstanding any other provision of this document, the organization 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, or 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.

**ARTICLE III**  
**Period of Duration**

The period of duration of the Corporation shall be perpetual.

**ARTICLE IV**  
**Members**

The Corporation shall have one or more classes of members. The designation of such class or classes, the manner of their election or appointment, and the qualification and rights of the members of each class, including voting rights, if any, shall be set forth in the Bylaws of the Corporation.

**ARTICLE V**  
**Provisions for Corporation**

The title to and ownership of all the corporate property and of all money or property given or distributed to it shall be vested in the Corporation, and shall be managed by its Board of Directors for the purposes of the Corporation, and no individual shall have any right or interest in the property of this Corporation. No part of the net earnings of this Corporation shall inure to the benefit of any Trustee, member, private shareholder, or individual.

**ARTICLE VI**  
**Distribution Upon Dissolution**

Upon the dissolution of the organization, assets shall be distributed to one or more exempt organizations within the meaning of section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code. Any such assets not disposed of shall be disposed of by the District Court of the county in which the principle office of the Corporation is then located, exclusively for the purposes or to such organization or organizations, as said court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for purposes exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

**ARTICLE VII**  
**Registered Agent and Registered Office**

The name of the initial registered agent of the Corporation in Montana is Joy McGrath and the address of the initial registered office of the Corporation is 825 Helena Avenue, Helena, Montana 59601.

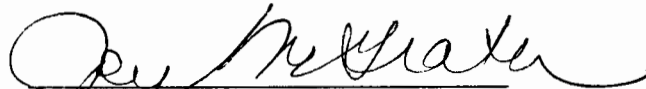
**ARTICLE VIII**  
**Incorporator and Agent for Service of Process**

The name and address of the incorporator is as follows:

Joy McGrath 825 Helena Avenue                      Helena, MT 59601

Dated 3-27-02

  
Sole Incorporator

  
Agent for Service of Process

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