**ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION**

**FOR**

**FRIENDS OF VIRGINIA PUBLIC SAFETY**

**ARTICLE I**

**NAME**

* 1. **NAME**

**The name of this organization shall be Friends of Virginia Public Safety. The business of the corporation under Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 317A may be conducted as Friends of Virginia Public Safety.**

**ARTICLE II**

**DURATION**

**2.01 DURATION**

**The period of duration of the corporation is perpetual.**

**ARTICLE III**

**PURPOSE**

**3.01 PURPOSE**

**Friends of Virginia Public Safety is a non-profit corporation and shall operate exclusively as such for the purposes within the meaning of section 501(c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future Federal tax code.**

**The mission of Friends of Virginia Public Safety is to provide support by educating the public to all aspects of Public Safety and to work towards the ultimate goal of a new Public Safety Building.**

**ARTICLE IV**

**NON-PROFIT NATURE**

**4.01 NON-PROFIT NATURE**

**Charitable collections of monies and items which we receive and then are donated to the originations we fundraise for.**

**4.02 PERSONAL LIABILITY**

**No officer or director of this corporation shall be personally liable for the debts or obligations of Friends of Virginia Public Safety of any nature whatsoever, nor shall any of the property or assets of the officers or directors be subject to the payments of the debts or obligations of this corporation.**

**4.03 DISSOLUTION**

**Upon termination or dissolution of Friends of Virginia Public Safety, any assets lawfully available for distribution shall be distributed to one (1) or more qualifying organizations described in section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code which have a purpose, which at least generally, is similar to the terminating or dissolving corporation.**

**The organization who receive the assets of Friends of Virginia Public Safety hereunder shall be selected by the discretion of the majority of its members when quorum is met (1/3 the members in good standing)**

**4.04 PROHIBITED DUSTRIBUTIONS**

**No part of the net earning, or properties of this corporation, on dissolution or otherwise, shall insure to the benefit of, or be distributable to, its members, directors, officers, or other private person or individual, except that the cooperation shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purpose set forth in Article III, Section 3.01.**

**4.05 STATUS**

**Friends of Virginia Public Safety would like to request status as a nonprofit corporation under chapter 317A.**

**ARTICLE V**

**MEMBERSHIP**

**5.01 ACTIVE**

**Any person interested in becoming a member, not limited to the City of Virginia, Minnesota will be eligible for active membership of Friends of Virginia Public Safety.**

**Anyone eligible for membership in Friends of Virginia Public Safety shall not be refused membership or, upon acceptance, be discriminated against because of race, color, sex, creed, national origin, gender, sexual orientation, or by reason of disability.**

**5.02 HONORARY**

**For meritorious service or for distinguished public service, persons may be elected honorary members by majority vote. Honorary members shall not pay dues and such membership may be revoked for cause.**

**5.03 MAINTENANCE OF GOOD STANDING**

**Membership in good standing includes any person who has fulfilled the requirements for membership and who has not voluntarily withdrawn, became ineligible for continued membership, or been suspended or expelled as provided in the Constitution and Bylaws of Friends of Virginia Public Safety.**

**ARTICLE VI**

**OFFICERS**

**6.01 NUMBER AND TITLES**

**The officers shall consist of a President, Vice President, Secretary, and a Treasurer. All four shall hold office for 2 years and until the election and installation of their successors unless removed from office as provided in the Constitution and By-Laws of Friends of Virginia Public Safety.**

**6.02 INITIAL OFFICERS**

**The initial officer positions of Friends of Virginia Public Safety shall be the individuals currently voted into these positions.**

**President: Rocci Lucarelli**

**Vice President: Kathleen Krog**

**Secretary: Jan Makowski**

**Treasurer: Sarah Seppala**

**ARTICLE VII**

**AMENDMENTS**

**7.01 AMENDMENTS**

**Any amendment to the Articles of Incorporation may be adopted by majority vote of its members as long as quorum is met.**

**ARTICLE VIII**

**ADDRESS OF CORPERATION**

**8.01 ADDRESS**

**The registered office address of Friends of Virginia Public Safety shall be:**

**Virginia Fire Department**

**115 North 4th Avenue**

**Virginia, MN 55792**

**ARTRICLE IX**

**APPOINTMENT OF REGISTERED AGENT**

**9.01 REGISTERED AGENT**

**The registered agent of this corporation shall be the individual currently holding the office of Treasurer:**

**Sarah Seppala**

**115 North 4th Avenue**

**Virginia, MN 55792**

**ARTICLE X**

**INCORPERATOR**

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

**President: Rocci Lucarelli**

 **115 North 4th Avenue**

 **Virginia, MN 55792**

**Vice President: Kathleen Krog**

 **115 North 4th Avenue**

 **Virginia, MN 55792**

**Treasurer: Sarah Seppala**

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**Secretary: Janice Makowski**

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**CERTIFICATE OF ADOPTION OF ARTICLES OF INCORPERATION**

**We, the undersigned, hereby certify that the above Articles of Incorporation of The Friends of Virginia Public Safety were approved by the officers on July 11, 2018 and constitute a complete copy of Articles of Incorporation of Friends of Virginia Public Safety.**

**AKNOWLEDMENT OF CONSENT TO APPOINTMENT AS REGISTERED AGENT**

**I, Sarah Seppala, agree to be the registered agent for Friends of Virginia Public Safety as appointed herin.**

