

ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

OF

The Arc of Island and Skagit

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ARTICLE 1

NAME

The name of this corporation shall be The Arc of Island and Skagit.

ARTICLE 2

PRINCIPAL OFFICE

The principal office of The Arc of Island and Skagit shall be in the city of Mount Vernon, Washington.

ARTICLE 3

PURPOSE

The purposes of The Arc of Island and Skagit are:

3.1 GENERAL WELFARE:

To promote the general welfare of all persons, of all ages, with intellectual and developmental disabilities in Island and Skagit counties of Washington, State; to include in the home, the community, institutions, and public, private and religious schools.

3.2 PUBLIC UNDERSTANDING:

To develop a better understanding of intellectual and developmental disabilities by the public.

### 3.3 COOPERATIVE EFFORT:

To cooperate with and enlist the support of public, private, religious and professional groups and agencies, local, state and federal in the furtherance of these objectives.

### 3.4 LEGISLATION:

To further the implementation of statutes and regulations on behalf of all persons with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

### 3.5 INFORMATION:

To serve as a clearing house for gathering and disseminating information regarding persons with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

### 3.6 NEW PROGRAMS:

To foster the development of programs in the least restrictive alternative manner compatible with the individual's needs.

### 3.7 STATE AND NATIONAL:

To establish working relationships with the Washington State and National Arcs.

### 3.8 FINANCE:

To solicit, receive and expend funds for the accomplishment of the above purposes.

## ARTICLE 4

### NON-POLITICAL AND NON-PROFIT STATUS

#### 4.1 POLITICAL:

The Arc of Island and Skagit shall be non-political, shall not support any political party or candidate for public office, and shall take no position on matters of governmental policy other than those relevant to its purposes.

#### 4.2 FINANCIAL STATUS:

The Arc of Island and Skagit is a non-profit, non-political, non-sectarian organization. This corporation shall not have any capital stock. No officer or director shall be remunerated for his/her services as an officer or director. No employee or consultant of The Arc of Island and Skagit may serve as an officer, director, committee chairperson or delegate. No part of the net earnings of the corporation shall benefit or be distributable to its members, trustees, 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 herein. 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 distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office. Notwithstanding any other provision of these Articles, the corporation may carry on business activities related to the purposes of The Arc of Island and Skagit but shall not carry on any 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 Law or (b) by a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under Section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or the corresponding provisions of any future United States Internal Revenue Law).

## ARTICLE 5

### VOTING MEMBERSHIP

Voting membership shall be open to individuals who have been accepted as members of The Arc of Island and Skagit, located in Island and Skagit counties of Washington State, subject to the rules and standards set forth in the by-laws.

## ARTICLE 6

### OFFICERS

The officers of The Arc of Island and Skagit shall be: a President, Vice President, a Secretary, Assistant Secretary and a Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer to be elected as provided in the by-laws and the immediate past President. At the time of election each shall be a member in good standing of The Arc of Island and Skagit.

## ARTICLE 7

### GOVERNING BODY

The governing body of The Arc of Island and Skagit shall be the Board of Directors, composed of the officers, the immediate past President, the directors and such others elected or appointed as provided in the by-laws. The number of Directors may be changed or altered hereafter by amendment to the by-laws of the association.

## ARTICLE 8

### BY-LAWS

The Arc of Island and Skagitshall be governed in its general operation by a set of by-laws. Said by-laws shall be amended by a 2/3 vote of total accredited votes as prescribed by Article 13 of these Articles of Incorporation.

## ARTICLE 9

### ALLIED ORGANIZATIONS

Guilds, auxiliaries and youth groups are authorized by The Arc of Island and Skagit subject to the by-laws. Any organization authorized to/or allied with The Arc of Island and Skagitshall be subject to the by-laws of this organization.

## ARTICLE 10

### MEETINGS

The Arc of Island and Skagit shall hold an annual membership meeting. Due notice of the regular meeting shall be governed in such manner as prescribed in the by-laws.

## ARTICLE 11

### STATE MEMBERSHIP

The Arc of Island and Skagitshall be a local chapter of the Arc of Washington and shall conform to the constitution and by-laws of that organization and to the rules, regulations and standards set forth by that organization.

## ARTICLE 12

### DISSOLUTION

The Corporation may be dissolved in accordance with RCW 24.08.040. In the event that it shall cease to carry out the objectives and purposes herein set forth, all the property and assets of the Association (and assumption of liabilities) shall be distributed by the Board of Directors to an organization having some program to assist persons with intellectual and or developmental disabilities, organized and operated exclusively for charitable, educational, religious, or scientific purposes as shall at the time qualify as an exempt organization or organizations under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or the corresponding provisions of any future United States Internal Revenue Law), as the Board of Directors shall determine.

## ARTICLE 13

### AMENDMENTS

#### 13.1 APPROVAL:

These Articles may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the total accredited votes at the annual meeting of The Arc of Island and Skagit or at a special meeting called for that purpose.

#### 13.2 PROCEDURE:

Amendments may be proposed in writing to the Board of Directors by an officer, board member or a chapter member in good standing, at its next regular meeting or at a special meeting called for that purpose. The Board of Directors shall review the proposed amendment and by resolution shall

recommend its adoption, rejection or alteration, with reasons therein. A copy of this resolution shall be sent with the proposed amendment to each member at least six weeks before the next annual meeting or special meeting called for that purpose.

These are the Articles of Incorporation as ratified by the Board of Directors of The Arc of Island and Skagit in Anacortes, WA on

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President  
The Arc of Island and Skagit  
Date signed