

ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF THE MAHKATO ORGANIZATION

The undersigned incorporators are individuals 18 years of age or older and adopt the following articles of incorporation to form a nonprofit corporation (Chapter 317A).

ARTICLE I — NAME

The name of this corporation shall be **The Mahkato Organization, Inc.**

ARTICLE II — REGISTERED OFFICE ADDRESS

The place in Minnesota where the principal office of the corporation is to be located at is by the buffalo statue in Reconciliation Park at the corner of Riverfront and Main Streets in Mankato, Minnesota. The mail address is as follows: Mahkato Organization Inc. PO Box 675, Mankato, MN 56002.

ARTICLE III — PURPOSE

This corporation is organized exclusively for charitable, religious, educational, and scientific purposes as specified in Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, 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 the corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

The specific purpose of this corporation is:

- to provide cooperative support to the Mdewakonton Association Wacipi, the Reconciliation Pow Wow, and to advance the reconciliation of all people;
- to manage and preserve the resources of the Mahkato Organization to assure perpetual care for memorial and ceremonial initiatives set forth according to the by-laws;
- to support and conduct non-partisan public service, research, education, and informational or ceremonial activities and programs to advance public awareness of our universal interdependence and responsibility to care for each other and the environment;
- to promote universal commitment to non-violent conflict resolution, reconciliation, mutual cooperation, and humanitarian service;
- to build local, national, and global community with respect for and protection of our diverse cultural heritage, personal freedom, and both individual and community civil rights and dignity.

ARTICLE IV — EXEMPTION REQUIREMENTS

At all times the following shall operate as conditions restricting the operations and activities of the corporation:

1. 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 organization 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 the purpose clause hereof.
2. No substantial part of the activities of the corporation shall constitute the carrying on of propaganda or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, or any initiative or referendum before the public, except by promoting objective and unbiased research and report for full disclosure to inform the public of relevant fact. 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.

1. If corporation activities engage controversial issues they shall at all times employ an objective, unbiased, and reasoned approach allowing fair consideration and empathy for all sides and alternatives, and then only for the purposes set forth in section III. Unsupported opinion and incomplete or irrelevant information propagated to manipulate public opinion to discredit or promote a particular individual or legislation will not be tolerated in any instrument or representative agent of the corporation, and will be discouraged and moderated as possible in any forum hosted by the organization, and will be treated as any cultural or racial slur, prejudice, or bigotry would be.
2. The extent to which the organization participates in political advocacy to influence legislation will be regulated with the 501(h) election as declared with form 5768 and reported on schedule 990.
3. Notwithstanding any other provisions of this document, the organization shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on by an organization exempt from federal income tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code or corresponding section of any future tax code, or by an organization, contributions to which are deductible under section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future tax code.

ARTICLE V — MEMBERSHIP/BOARD OF DIRECTORS

This corporation shall have members. The eligibility, rights and obligations of the members will be determined by the organization's bylaws.

The management of the affairs of the corporation shall be vested in a board of directors, as defined by the corporation's bylaws. No director shall have any right, title, or interest in or to any property of the corporation.

The number of directors constituting the initial board of directors is four (4); their names and addresses are as follows:

Name: _____
Address: _____
Name: _____
Address: _____
Name: _____
Address: _____
Name: _____
Address: _____

Members of the initial board of directors shall serve until the first annual meeting, at which their successors will be duly elected and qualified, or removed as provided in the bylaws.

ARTICLE VI — PERSONAL LIABILITY

No member, officer, or director of this corporation shall be personally liable for the debts or obligations of this corporation of any nature whatsoever, nor shall any of the property of the members, officers, or directors be subject to the payment of the debts or obligations of this corporation.

ARTICLE VII - DURATION/DISSOLUTION

The duration of the corporate existence shall be perpetual until dissolution.

Upon the dissolution of the organization, assets of the corporation shall be distributed for one or more

exempt purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or shall be distributed to the federal government, or to a state or local government, for a public purpose.

ARTICLE VIII - INCORPORATORS

In witness whereof, we, the undersigned, have hereunto subscribed our names for the purpose of forming the corporation under the laws of the State of Minnesota and certify we executed these Articles of Incorporation this September 22 of 2016.

Signature (Incorporator 1) _____

Address, City, State, ZIP _____

Signature (Incorporator 2) _____

Address, City, State, ZIP _____

Signature (Incorporator 3) _____

Address, City, State, ZIP _____

Signature (Incorporator 4) _____

Address, City, State, ZIP _____