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This letter is to confirm acceptance of the following filing:

ENTITY NAME : HOWARD COUNTY AUTISM SOCIETY, INC.
DEPARTMENT ID : D11213592
TYPE OF REQUEST : ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION
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PLEASE VERIFY THE INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THIS LETTER. NOTIFY THIS DEPARTMENT IN WRITING IF ANY INFORMATION IS INCORRECT. INCLUDE THE CUSTOMER ID AND THE WORK ORDER NUMBER ON ANY INQUIRIES. EVERY YEAR THIS ENTITY MUST FILE A PERSONAL PROPERTY RETURN IN ORDER TO MAINTAIN ITS EXISTENCE EVEN IF IT DOES NOT OWN PERSONAL PROPERTY. A BLANK RETURN WILL BE MAILED BY FEBRUARY OF THE YEAR FOR WHICH THE RETURN IS DUE.

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ENTITY TYPE: ORDINARY BUSINESS - NON-STOCK
STOCK: N
CLOSE: N
EFFECTIVE DATE: 03-01-2006
PRINCIPAL OFFICE: 7231 CADENCE COURT
COLUMBIA MD 21046
RESIDENT AGENT: CATRIONA JOHNSON
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NOTICE: Effective January 1, 2004

As a result of a change in State law, the annual report fee for most legal entities (including LLCs and LLPs) will increase to \$300. This fee is for the privilege of maintaining a legal entity's existence in Maryland, and is due and payable with the filing of the personal property return. The increase is effective for any return, regardless of year, filed after 12/31/2003.

There continues to be no annual report fee for non-stock corporations, business trusts, churches, foreign interstate companies, foreign insurance companies, sole proprietorships and general partnerships, but these entities must still file a personal property return annually.

ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION
OF
HOWARD COUNTY AUTISM SOCIETY, INC.
(A nonstock corporation)

FIRST: I, the undersigned Catriona Johnson whose address is 7231 Cadence Court, Columbia, MD 21046, being at least eighteen years of age, does hereby form a nonprofit, nonstock corporation under the laws of the State of Maryland.

SECOND: The name of the corporation (hereafter referred to as the Corporation) is HOWARD COUNTY AUTISM SOCIETY, INC.

THIRD: The purposes of the Corporation are exclusively charitable, educational and nonprofit as defined under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (or any corresponding provisions of any future United States Internal Revenue Law or Regulations thereunder, hereinafter collectively referred to as the Internal Revenue Code) as follows:

- (A) To promote and advocate for the general welfare of persons with autism spectrum disorders and other related disorders;
- (B) To further knowledge about research-based promising practices to support individuals with autism spectrum disorders and their families and promote the use of such practices to support people with autism and their families in their communities;
- (C) To develop a better understanding of the support needs of persons with autism spectrum disorders by the public throughout Howard County;
- (D) To promote the establishment of adequate diagnostic, therapeutic, educational, employment, housing, and recreation for persons with autism spectrum disorders;
- (E) To generate information regarding persons with autism spectrum disorders and;
- (F) To support each individuals with autism spectrum disorders' right to live free, self-determined lives;
- (G) To undertake other projects, programs and activities not inconsistent with Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, as the need to do so presents itself in the opinion of the Board of Directors.

FOURTH: In order to carry out the purposes, the Corporation shall have the following powers within stated limitations:

- (A) To solicit and accept, acquire by gift, donation, devise, grant, purchase, loan or otherwise, any property without limitations;
- (B) To make contributions, loans or grants which are consistent with the purposes of the Corporation;
- (C) To make agreements and contracts and incur liabilities;
- (D) To do all things necessary or desirable to carry on and accomplish the purposes for which the Corporation is organized as the Board of Directors may from time to time deem appropriate and which are not inconsistent with powers conferred upon a nonstock corporation by the General Laws of the State of Maryland and the requirements of the Internal Revenue Code;
- (E) The Corporation is not organized for pecuniary profit. The Corporation shall have no power to declare dividends. No part of the net earnings of the Corporation shall inure to the benefit of nor be distributed to any member, director, officer or other individual, except that the Corporation shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services actually rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes herein set forth;
- (F) Except as provided in Section 501(h) and 4911 of the Internal Revenue Code, no substantial part of the activities of the Corporation shall be carrying on of propaganda or otherwise attempting to influence legislation. The Corporation shall not participate in nor intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office. Notwithstanding any other provisions, the Corporation shall not carry on any activities not permitted to be carried on:
 - (1) by a corporation exempt from Federal income tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code or
 - (2) by a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code.
- (G) The Corporation shall not carry on activities prohibited by the Internal Revenue Code for a private foundation to be tax exempt, including the Corporation: shall distribute its income for each tax year at such time and in such manner as not to become subject to the tax on undistributed income imposed by section 4942 of the Internal Revenue Code; shall not engage in any act of self-dealing as defined in section 4941(d) of the Internal Revenue Code; shall not retain excessive business holdings as defined in section 4943(c) of the Internal Revenue Code; shall not make any investments in such manner as to subject it to tax under section 4944 of the Internal Revenue Code; and shall not make any taxable expenditures as defined in section 4945(d) of the internal Revenue Code.

FIFTH: The name of the resident agent of the corporation in Maryland is Catriona Johnson, whose address is 7231 Cadence Court, Columbia, MD 21046. Said resident agent is a citizen of the State of Maryland and actually resides therein. 7231 Cadence Court, Columbia, MD 21046 shall also serve as the principal address of the corporation.

SIXTH: The Corporation shall have no capital stock and is not authorized to issue capital stock. The Corporation shall be composed of members. Qualifications for membership in the Corporation shall be as defined in the Bylaws, but in no case shall membership be restricted on the basis of race, sex, religion, or national origin.

SEVENTH: The initial number of Directors of the Corporation shall be fifteen (15) which number may be increased or decreased pursuant to the Bylaws of the Corporation, but shall never be less than three (3). The names of the initial Directors, who shall act until the first annual meeting or until their successors are chosen are Catriona Johnson, of 7231 Cadence Court, Columbia, MD 21046, Debbie Clutts, of 10428 Schoolmaster Place, Ellicott City, MD 21044, Kimberly McKay, of 3001 Cluster Pines Ct., Ellicott City, MD 21042, Kathleen Bovard, of 7227 Cadence Court, Columbia, MD 21046, Joanne Heckman, of 11174 Wood Elves Way, Columbia, MD 21044, Marina Shread, of 12180 Flowing Water Trail, Clarksville, MD 21029, Judy Terle, of 6202 Black Cherry Circle, Columbia, MD 21045, Kim Mosier, of 7416 Pink Wood, Columbia, MD 21046, Steven Wampler, of 6750 Pyramid Way, Columbia, MD 21044, Christine Hanks, 8303 Fall Chill Ct., Ellicott City, MD 21043, Stephanie Maric, 9326 Wild Grass Court, Jessup, MD 20794, Linda Miller, 5652 Roundtree Lane, Columbia, MD 21045, Diane Coombe, of 7718 Patuxent Oak Court, Ellicott City, MD 21075, Joy Johnson, 7440 Cedar Grove Ln., Elkridge, MD 21075, and Tracie Feron, of 6329 Soft Thunder Trail, Columbia, MD 21045. Each Director shall have one vote. The Board of Directors shall perpetuate itself in keeping with the Bylaws of the Corporation.

EIGHTH: The duration and existence of the Corporation shall be perpetual.

NINTH: If the Corporation is dissolved or ended for any reason, the Board of Directors shall dispose of all of the net assets of the Corporation exclusively to such organizations which are organized and operated exclusively for charitable or educational purposes as shall at the time qualify as an exempt organization under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, provided the Corporation, before any such distributions shall first pay all of the liabilities of the Corporation as required by the General Laws of the State of Maryland. Any remaining assets shall be disposed of by the Court in the jurisdiction in which the principal office of the Corporation is then located, exclusively for such purposes or such organizations.

TENTH: The Corporation shall indemnify any and all of its current and future directors, officers, employees and agents as provided in the Bylaws of the Corporation.

ELEVENTH: The Corporation shall adopt Bylaws for the further government of the Corporation.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF: I have signed these articles of Incorporation and
acknowledged the same to be my own act on dd/mm/yy.

WITNESS: