

**ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION
OF
NAMI NATIONAL**

I.

The name of the corporation is: NAMI National.

II.

A. The corporation is organized and operated exclusively for charitable, scientific, and educational purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as now in effect or as may hereafter be amended (the “Code”), and all lawful business for which nonprofit corporations may be incorporated under the laws of the State of Arizona.

B. The specific purpose of the corporation is to serve as a national association of state and local advocacy groups dedicated to the eradication of mental illness through the following:

- i. Coordination of activities of state and local advocacy groups.
- ii. Serving as an information collection and dissemination center.
- iii. Monitoring existing health care facilities, staff, and programming for adequacy and accountability, influencing the pre-professional and continuing education of mental health service providers.
- iv. Promotion of new and remedial legislation.
- v. Fostering public education.
- vi. Insisting upon, and advocating for, high quality Recovery and Resiliency-oriented services and care. Services must be designed to meet the individual needs of the person - and family - living with mental illness. These services must be freely available to all persons when and where they need them, regardless of the individual’s setting or status - homeless, residential, extended care, outpatient, inpatient, independent living, schools or criminal justice settings.
- vii. Promotion of community support programs, including appropriate living arrangements linked with supportive social, vocational rehabilitation and employment programs.
- viii. Improvement of private and governmental funding for mental health facilities and services, care and treatment, and residential and research programs.

- ix. Collaboration with other national and international mental health and substance abuse organizations and advocacy groups.
- x. Delineation and enforcement of rights of persons with serious mental illness and their families.
- xi. Soliciting and receiving funds in support of all of the above.
- xii. Advocate forcefully for additional research into mental illness, with a goal of developing treatments and cures for all these disorders.

III.

The name and address of each director, until a successor is elected and qualified, is as follows:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>
Adrienne Kennedy	
Shirley Holloway	
Vanessa Fernandes	
Dave Stafford	
Carlos A. Larrauri	
Joyce Campbell	
Lisa Carchedi	
Charma D. Dudley	
Jim Hayes	
Amanda Lipp	
Stacey L. Owens	
Micah Pearson	
Steve Pitman	
Tracy Plouck	
Jim Reiser	

Catherine Roach	
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IV.

The name and address of the statutory agent for the corporation is: [_____].

V.

The principal place of business of the corporation shall be: [_____].

VI.

The name and address of the incorporator is: [_____].

VII.

The corporation will have members. The rights and privileges of the members of the corporation shall be as set forth in the bylaws.

VIII.

A. No substantial part of the activities of the corporation shall consist of carrying on propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation (except as otherwise permitted by Section 501(h) of the Code and in any corresponding laws of the State of Arizona), and the corporation shall not participate in or intervene in any political campaign (including the publishing or distribution of statements) on behalf of, or in opposition to, any candidate for public office.

B. Notwithstanding any other provision of these Articles of Incorporation, the corporation shall not directly or indirectly carry on any activity which would prevent it from obtaining exemption from Federal income taxation as a corporation described in Section 501(c)(3) of the Code, or cause it to lose such exempt status, or carry on any activity not permitted to be carried on by a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under Section 170(c)(2) of the Code.

IX.

The property of the corporation is irrevocably dedicated to charitable, scientific, and educational purposes, and no part of the net income or assets of the corporation shall ever inure to the benefit of any director, officer, or member thereof or to the benefit of any private person. Upon the dissolution or winding up of the corporation, its assets remaining after payment, or provision for payment, of all debts and liabilities of the corporation shall be distributed to a

nonprofit fund, foundation, or corporation which is organized and operated exclusively for charitable, scientific, and/or educational purposes and which has established its tax exempt status under Section 501(c)(3) of the Code.

X.

Each person who is or was a director, officer, employee or agent of the corporation, or is or was serving at the request of the corporation as a director, officer, employee, trustee or agent of another corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust or other enterprise shall be indemnified by the corporation in the manner and to the full extent that the corporation has power to indemnify such person under Chapter 31, Article 5 of the Arizona Revised Statutes as now in effect or hereafter amended; provided, however, that the corporation shall not so indemnify such person, or purchase or maintain indemnity insurance for the benefit of such person, in the event such indemnification or expenditure would either (i) then constitute an act of “self-dealing” or a “taxable expenditure,” as defined by Sections 4941(d)(1) and 4945(d), respectively, of the Code (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Code, as amended), or (ii) violate the provisions of any other section of the Arizona Revised Statutes as then in effect.

XI.

These Articles of Incorporation may be amended by the board of directors in the manner provided by law.

Dated: _____, 20__

[_____]
Incorporator