

**ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF  
NATIONAL COUNCIL ON SEVERE AUTISM**

**I. Name**

1. The name of the corporation is National Council on Severe Autism. The name of the existing unincorporated association now being incorporated by the filing of these articles is National Council on Severe Autism.

**II. Purpose**

2. This corporation is a nonprofit public benefit corporation and is not organized for the private gain of any person. It is organized under the Nonprofit Public Benefit Corporation Law for public and charitable purposes.
3. The specific purpose of this corporation shall be to:
  - a. Educate families and the public regarding the needs of the burgeoning population of children and adults affected by severe forms of autism who by virtue of any combination of cognitive and functional impairments cannot advocate for themselves, who exhibit maladaptive behaviors including but not limited to aggression, self-injury and property destruction, and/or who require continuous and lifelong care;
  - b. Advocate for policy reform to address the lifespan needs of the vulnerable and growing population of children and adults affected by severe forms of autism;
  - c. Promote research into therapeutics, neurobiology, and causes of severe forms of autism and related developmental disabilities;
  - d. Encourage acceptance and awareness of individuals, families, and caregivers affected by severe forms of autism, and give voice to their realities and needs; and
  - e. Carry on other charitable and educational activities associated with this goal as allowed by law.
4. This corporation is organized exclusively for charitable or educational purposes within the meaning of Internal Revenue Code §501(c)(3) or the corresponding provision of any future United States internal revenue law. Despite any other provision in these articles, the corporation shall not, except to an insubstantial degree, engage in any activities or exercise any powers that do not further the purposes of this corporation, and the corporation shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on by (a) a corporation exempt from federal income tax under Internal Revenue Code §501(c)(3) or the corresponding provision of any future United States

internal revenue law, or (b) a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under Internal Revenue Code §170(c)(2) or the corresponding provision of any future United States revenue law.

### **III. Agent for Service of Process**

5. The name and address in the State of California of the corporation's initial agent for service of process are:

Jill Escher

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### **IV. Corporate Address**

6. The Corporate address is: 1590 Calaveras Avenue, San Jose, CA 95126

The Corporate mailing address is:

PO Box 26853  
San Jose, CA 95159-6853

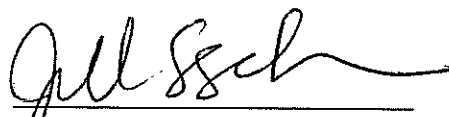
### **V. Tax Exempt Status of Corporation**

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- a. No substantial part of this activities of this corporation shall consist of carrying on propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and this corporation shall not participate or intervene in (including publishing or distributing statements) any political campaign on behalf of (or in opposition to) any candidate for public office.
  - b. All corporate property is irrevocably dedicated to the purposes set forth in Article 2. No part of the net earnings of this corporation shall inure to the benefit of any of its directors, trustees, officers, private shareholders or members, or to individuals.
  - c. On the winding up and dissolution of this corporation, after paying or adequately providing for the debts, obligations, and liabilities of the corporation, the remaining assets of this corporation shall be distributed to an organization (or organizations) organized and operating exclusively for

charitable purposes, if the organization has established its tax-exempt status under Internal Revenue Code §501(c)(3) (or corresponding provisions of any future federal Internal Revenue Code law).

- d. The corporation will 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 Internal Revenue Code §4942 or by corresponding provisions of any later federal tax laws.
- e. The corporation will not engage in any act of self-dealing as defined in Internal Revenue Code §4941(d) or in any corresponding provisions of any later federal tax laws.
- f. The corporation will not retain any excess business holdings as defined in Internal Revenue Code §4943(c) or in corresponding provisions of any later federal tax laws.
- g. The corporation will not make investments in a manner that would subject it to tax under Internal Revenue Code §4944 or under corresponding provisions of any later federal tax laws.
- h. The corporation will not make any taxable expenditures as defined in Internal Revenue Code §4945(d) or in corresponding provisions of any later federal tax laws.

Date: 4-5-18

  
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Incorporator, Jill Escher

