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for

LIBERTARIAN PARTY OF MICHIGAN EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, INC.

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, Director

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## ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

For use by Domestic Nonprofit Corporations (Please read information and instructions on the last page)

Pursuant to the provisions of Act 162, Public Acts of 1982, the undersigned corporation executes the following Articles:

## OF

# LIBERTARIAN PARTY OF MICHIGAN EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, INC.

These Articles of Incorporation are signed by the Incorporator for the purpose of forming a nonprofit corporation pursuant to the provisions of Act 162 of the Public Acts of 1982, as follows:

## ARTICLE I

The name of the corporation is:

LIBERTARIAN PARTY OF MICHIGAN EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, INC.

## ARTICLE II

The purpose or purposes for which the corporation is organized are:

- (a) To serve as the governing body and operational arm of the Libertarian Party of Michigan ("LPM"), the political party designated by the Libertarian National Committee as the affiliate of the Libertarian Party in the State of Michigan;
- (b) To serve as the "Executive Committee" of the LPM, as described in the Bylaws of the LPM, and to continue to carry on all functions presently exercised by or in the future delegated to the Executive Committee by the LPM, including, without limitation, the exercise of control and management of all the affairs, properties and funds of the LPM;
- (c) To engage in political action, within the meaning of Section 527 of the Internal Revenue Code;
- (d) To act as a "political committee" within the meaning of the Michigan Campaign Finance Act and the Federal Election Campaign Act, as they may be amended from time to time;
- (e) To borrow money and issue evidences of indebtedness in furtherance of any and all of the purposes of the business of the corporation, and to secure the same by mortgage, pledge or other lien on the corporation's property;
- (f) To contribute funds to (i) the political committees of candidates, (ii) political party committees, (iii) political committees supporting or opposing Constitutional amendments, legislative initiatives, legislative referenda and other ballot questions, and/or (iv) other political committees;
- (g) To make independent or coordinated expenditures (i) in support of candidates, (ii) in opposition to candidates, (iii) in support of Constitutional amendments, legislative initiatives, legislative referenda and other ballot questions, (iv) in opposition to Constitutional amendments, legislative initiatives, legislative referenda and other ballot questions, and/or (v) in support of other political activities;
  - (h) To lobby public officials;
  - (i) To engage in educational, advertising and promotional activities;
- (j) To petition for Constitutional amendments, legislative initiatives, legislative referenda and other ballot questions;
  - (k) To solicit, collect, receive and administer funds;
  - (1) To contract for the purchase of goods and services;
  - (m) To rent and maintain office space;
  - (n) To hire and fire employees;

- (o) To sell, convey and dispose of any property and invest and reinvest the property held;
- (p) To deal with and distribute the Committee's income and assets in such manner as in the Committee's judgment will best promote its purposes; and
- (q) In general, to enter into any kind of activity, to make and perform any contract and to exercise all powers necessary, incidental or convenient to the administration, management, maintenance, repair, replacement and operation of the LPM and to the accomplishment of any of the purposes of the LPM not forbidden, and with all powers conferred upon nonprofit corporations by the laws of the State of Michigan.

Notwithstanding any other provision of these Articles, the corporation shall not carry on any activities: (A) that would violate the Statement of Principles of the national Libertarian Party, as they now exist or may in the future be amended; (B) not permitted to be carried on by an organization exempt from federal income taxation under Section 527 of the Internal Revenue Code and other related legislation and regulations as they now exist or may in the future be amended; or (C) that would disqualify the corporation from its intended status as a political committee formed for the sole purpose of limiting liability within the meaning of 11 C.F.R. Section 114.12(a) and Rule 169.39b(3) of the Michigan Administrative Code.

## ARTICLE III

This corporation is organized upon a nonstock basis.

The amount of assets which this corporation possesses is: Real Property - None; Personal Property - None.

This corporation is to be financed under the following general plan: solicitation of contributions.

#### ARTICLE IV

This corporation is organized on a directorship basis.

# ARTICLE V

The address of the initial registered office is:

111 Lyon Street, NW, Suite 900 Grand Rapids, Michigan 49503-2487 The name of the initial resident agent at the registered office is:

William W. Hall

## ARTICLE VI

The name and address of the Incorporator are:

William W. Hall Warner Norcross & Judd LLP 111 Lyon Street, NW, Suite 900 Grand Rapids, Michigan 49503-2487

#### ARTICLE VII

The term of this corporation shall be perpetual.

## ARTICLE VIII

When a compromise or arrangement or a plan of reorganization of this corporation is proposed between this corporation and its creditors or any class of them or between this corporation and its members, or any class of them, a court of equity jurisdiction within the state, on application of this corporation or of a creditor, or member of the corporation, or an application of a receiver appointed for the corporation, may order a meeting of the creditors or class of creditors or of the members or class of members to be affected by the proposed compromise or arrangement or reorganization, to be summoned in such manner as the court directs. If a majority in number representing seventy-five percent (75%) in value of the creditors or class of creditors, or of the members or class of members to be affected by the proposed compromise or arrangement or a reorganization, agree to a compromise or arrangement or a reorganization of this corporation as a consequence of the compromise or arrangement, the compromise or arrangement and the organization, if sanctioned by the court to which the application has been made, shall be binding on all the creditors or class of creditors, or on all of the members or class of members and also on this corporation.

## ARTICLE IX

A contract or other transaction between this corporation and one or more of its directors or officers, or between this corporation and another corporation, firm or association of any type or kind, in which one or more of this corporation's directors or officers are directors or officers, or are otherwise interested, is not void or voidable solely because of such common directorship, officership or interest, or solely because such directors are present at the meeting of the board or committee thereof which authorizes or approves the contract or transaction, or

solely because their votes are counted for such purpose if:

- (a) The contract or other transaction is fair and reasonable to this corporation when it is authorized, approved or ratified; or
- (b) The material facts as to the director's or officer's relationship or interest and as to the contract or transaction are disclosed or known to the board or committee, and the board or committee authorizes, approves or ratifies the contract or transaction by a vote sufficient for the purpose without counting the vote of any common or interested director; or
- (c) The material facts as to the director's or officer's relationship or interest as to the contract or transaction are disclosed or known to the members, and they authorize, approve or ratify the contract or transaction.

## ARTICLE X

A volunteer director of the corporation shall not be personally liable to the corporation or its directors or members for monetary damages for a breach of the director's fiduciary duty, except that a volunteer director's liability is not limited for any of the following:

- (a) a breach of the director's duty of loyalty to the corporation or its directors or members;
- (b) acts or omissions not in good faith or that involve intentional misconduct or a knowing violation of law;
- (c) a violation of Section 551(1) of the Michigan Nonprofit Corporation Act,
   which section relates to the making of unauthorized dividends or distributions;
- (d) a transaction from which the director derived an improper personal benefit; and
  - (e) an act or omission that is grossly negligent.

The corporation shall assume all liability to any person other than the corporation or its directors or members for all acts or omissions of a volunteer director incurred in the good faith performance of the volunteer director's duties as such.

If, after the adoption of this Article, the Michigan Nonprofit Corporation Act is amended to further eliminate or limit the liability of a volunteer director or director, then a volunteer director of the corporation (in addition to the circumstances in which a director is not personally liable as set forth in the preceding paragraph) shall, to the fullest extent permitted by the Michigan Nonprofit Corporation Act, not be liable to the corporation or its directors or members, as so amended. No amendment to or alteration, modification, or repeal of this Article

shall increase the liability or alleged liability of any volunteer director of the corporation for or with respect to any acts or omissions of such director occurring prior to such amendment, alteration, modification, or repeal.

## ARTICLE XI

The corporation may assume the liability for all acts or omissions of a nondirector volunteer if all of the following are met:

- (a) the volunteer was acting or reasonably believed he or she was acting within the scope of his or her authority;
  - (b) the volunteer was acting in good faith;
- (c) the volunteer's conduct did not amount to gross negligence or willful and wanton misconduct;
  - (d) the volunteer's conduct was not an intentional tort; and
- (e) the volunteer's conduct was not a tort arising out of the ownership, maintenance, or use of a motor vehicle for which tort liability may be imposed as provided in section 3135 of the insurance code of 1956, Act No. 218 of the Public Acts of 1956, being section 500.3135 of the Michigan Compiled Laws.

## ARTICLE XII

These Articles of Incorporation may be amended, altered, changed or repealed only by the affirmative vote of a majority of the Board of Directors of the corporation.

I, the Incorporator of this corporation, sign these Articles of Incorporation on JANUARY (3, 2005.

William W. Hall

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Preparer's name and business address and telephone number:

William W. Hall Warner Norcross & Judd LLP 111 Lyon Street, NW, Suite 900 Grand Rapids, Michigan 49503-2487 (616) 752-2143 Name of person or organization submitting fees:

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