**ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION**

**Of**

Lennox Choral Boosters

A South Dakota Non-profit Corporation

**ARTICLE I**

**Name**

The name of the Corporation is Lennox Choral Boosters, (hereinafter referred to as the “Corporation”), a South Dakota non-profit corporation.

**ARTICLE II**

**Purpose**

The corporation is organized and will be operated exclusively for charitable and educational purposes within the meaning of 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. (All references to sections in these Articles refer to the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 as amended or to comparable sections of subsequent internal revenue laws.) In pursuance of these purposes the Corporation shall do all things necessary, proper and consistent with maintaining tax exempt status under section 501(c)(3).

Specifically, the corporation is organized, without limitation, the purposes of:

1) To establish a choir booster organization open to the general public;

2) To foster and sustain choir programs by providing educational and support materials and resources for students of the Lennox School District participating in choir programs;

3) To provide support such as outfits, music, equipment, repair, replacement and maintenance thereof as appropriate, transportation, special instruction, financial aid, and assistance and encouragement of the parents or guardians of such students;

4) To benefit the community served by Lennox through recognition achieved by the choir program and by lessening of the burden placed on publicly funded high school programs;

5) To sponsor public fundraising activities;

6) To sponsor special events in support of the choir program; and,

7) To engage in other activities related to educating the public about the choir program at the Lennox School District.

 The Corporation shall not be operated for the primary purpose of carrying on a trade or business for profit.

**ARTICLE III**

**Limitations**

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 Corporation shall inure to the benefit of or be distributed to its incorporator, directors, officers, or other private persons, except that the Corporation shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth in Article II hereof.

2) No substantial part of the activities of the Corporation shall be the carrying on of propaganda or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the Corporation shall not participate nor intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of or in opposition to any candidate for public office.

3) Notwithstanding any other provision of these Articles, the Corporation shall neither have nor exercise any power, nor shall it directly or indirectly engage in any activity that would (1) prevent it from obtaining exemption from federal income taxation as a corporation described in §501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as now enacted or hereafter amended, or (2) cause it to lose such exempt status.

**ARTICLE IV**

**Members**

The Corporation shall have one or more classes of members with such designations, qualifications and rights as set forth in the bylaws.

**ARTICLE V**

**Registered Office and Registered Agent**

The post office address of the initial registered office of the Corporation is in the County of Lincoln, located at 305 W 5th Ave. Lennox, SD 57039. The initial registered agent of the Corporation is Mandi Steele, whose business address is the same as the post office address of the initial registered office, and who is a resident of South Dakota.

**ARTICLE VI**

**Incorporators**

Mandi Steele, 200 Jerry Pl. Apt 4 Tea, SD 57064 - Director of Choirs

Christi Sayler, 221 First Street W, Lennox, SD 57039

Kerri Plucker, 1200 N Titan Avenue, Tea, SD 57064

Paula Loewe, 46633 286th Street, Lennox, SD 57039

**ARTICLE VII**

**Directors**

The directors shall be the Choral Booster President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary and the Director of Choirs, who shall be an ex offico member of the board of directors. With the exception of the Director of Choirs, the individuals holding these positions shall be elected in accordance with the By-laws of the Corporation.

The initial directors are:

Mandi Steele, 200 Jerry Pl. Apt 4 Tea, SD 57064 - Director of Choirs

Christi Sayler, 221 First Street W, Lennox, SD 57039

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The number of directors may be amended as provided in the Bylaws of the Corporation. Additionally, the directors are elected and appointed by members of the Corporation in accordance with the provisions of the By-Laws.

**ARTICLE VIII**

**Indemnification**

Any person who is or was a Director or Officer of the Corporation and who is made a party to a proceeding because he or she is or was serving the Corporation in that capacity shall be indemnified by the Corporation against liability incurred in the proceeding.

**ARTICLE IX**

**Dissolution**

The internal affairs of the corporation shall be regulated by its Board of Directors as described in the Bylaws. Upon dissolution of the corporation, its assets shall be disposed of exclusively for the purposes of the corporation or distributed to such organizations organized and operated exclusively for charitable purposes which shall, at the time, qualify as exempt organizations under section 501(c)(3), or shall be distributed to the federal government, or to a state or local government, for a public purpose. Any such assets not disposed of shall be disposed of by the Lincoln County Court in which the principal office of the organization is located, exclusively for such purposes or to such organization or organizations, as said Court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.

Dated \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, Incorporator

Mandi Steele

Dated \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, Incorporator

Christi Sayler

Dated \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, Incorporator

Kerri Plucker

Dated \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, Incorporator

Paula Loewe