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Articles of Incorporation

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Consortium of Forensic Science Organizations

Colorado Nonprofit Corporation

(Entity ID # 20071191150)

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Articles of Incorporation for a Nonprofit Corporation

filed pursuant to §7-90-301, et seq. and §7-122-101 of the Colorado Revised Statutes (C.R.S)

1. Entity name:

Consortium of Forensic Science Organizations

(The name of a nonprofit corporation may, but need not, contain the term or abbreviation "corporation", "incorporated", "company", "limited", "corp.", "inc.", "co." or "ltd." §7-90-601, C.R.S.)

2. Use of Restricted Words *(if any of these terms are contained in an entity name, true name of an entity, trade name or trademark stated in this document, mark the applicable box):*

- "bank" or "trust" or any derivative thereof
- "credit union" "savings and loan"
- "insurance", "casualty", "mutual", or "surety"

3. Principal office street address:

410 North 21st Street

(Street name and number)

Colorado Springs

(City)

CO

(State)

80904

(Postal/Zip Code)

United States

(Country – if not US)

(Province – if applicable)

4. Principal office mailing address:
 (if different from above)

(Street name and number or Post Office Box information)

(City)

(State)

(Postal/Zip Code)

(Province – if applicable)

(Country – if not US)

5. Registered agent: (if an individual):

Warren

(Last)

Elizabeth

(First)

A.

(Middle)

(Suffix)

OR (if a business organization):

6. The person appointed as registered agent in the document has consented to being so appointed.

7. Registered agent street address:

410 North 21st Street

(Street name and number)

Colorado Springs

(City)

CO

(State)

80904

(Postal/Zip Code)

8. Registered agent mailing address:
 (if different from above)

(Street name and number or Post Office Box information)

(City) *(State)* *(Postal/Zip Code)*

(Province – if applicable) *(Country – if not US)*

9. If the corporation's period of duration is less than perpetual, state the date on which the period of duration expires:

(mm/dd/yyyy)

10. (Optional) Delayed effective date:

(mm/dd/yyyy)

11. Name(s) and address(es) of incorporator(s): (if an individual)

Warren Elizabeth A

(Last) *(First)* *(Middle)* *(Suffix)*

OR (if a business organization)

410 North 21st Street

(Street name and number or Post Office Box information)

Colorado Springs CO 80904

(City) *(State)* *(Postal/Zip Code)*
United States

(Province – if applicable) *(Country – if not US)*

(if an individual)

(Last) *(First)* *(Middle)* *(Suffix)*

OR (if a business organization)

(Street name and number or Post Office Box information)

(City) *(State)* *(Postal/Zip Code)*
United States

(Province – if applicable) *(Country – if not US)*

(if an individual)

(Last) *(First)* *(Middle)* *(Suffix)*

OR (if a business organization)

(Street name and number or Post Office Box information)

(City) *(State)* *(Postal/Zip Code)*
United States

(Province – if applicable) *(Country – if not US)*

(If more than three incorporators, mark this box and include an attachment stating the names and addresses of all incorporators.)

12. The nonprofit corporation is formed under the Colorado Revised Nonprofit Corporation Act.
13. The corporation will **OR** will not have voting members.
14. A description of the distribution of assets upon dissolution is attached.
15. Additional information may be included pursuant to §7-122-102, C.R.S. and other organic statutes. If applicable, mark this box and include an attachment stating the additional information.

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**ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION
OF
CONSORTIUM OF FORENSIC SCIENCE ORGANIZATIONS**

The designated adult natural person, acting as incorporator, hereby establishes a nonprofit corporation pursuant to the Colorado Nonprofit Corporation Act and adopts the following articles of incorporation:

**ARTICLE I
Name**

The name of the corporation is CONSORTIUM OF FORENSIC SCIENCE ORGANIZATIONS.

**ARTICLE II
Duration**

The corporation shall have perpetual existence.

**ARTICLE III
Purposes**

The corporation is organized and shall be operated exclusively as a trade or professional association within the meaning of § 501(c)(6) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (the "Code"). Subject to the foregoing, the purpose of the corporation is to provide industry advancement and promote conditions for organizations engaged in forensic science and related activities.

**ARTICLE IV
Powers**

4.1 General Powers. In furtherance of the foregoing purposes and objectives (but not otherwise) and subject to the restrictions set forth in Section 4.2 of this Article, the corporation shall have and may exercise all of the powers now or hereafter conferred upon nonprofit corporations organized under the laws of Colorado and may do everything necessary or convenient for the accomplishment of any of the corporate purposes, either alone or in connection with other organizations, entities or individuals, and either as principal or agent, subject to such limitations as are or may be prescribed by law.

4.2 Restrictions On Powers.

(a) The corporation shall not participate or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of or in opposition to any candidate for public office, and the corporation shall not engage in campaign activity or the making of political contributions, except any incidental activity allowable for an organization described in § 501(c)(6) of the Code.

(b) No part of the net earnings of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of or be distributable to any director or officer of the corporation, or any other individual (except that reasonable compensation may be paid for services rendered to or for the benefit of the corporation), and no director or officer of the corporation, or any other individual, taxable corporation, or person shall be entitled to share in any distribution of any of the corporate assets on dissolution of the corporation or otherwise, except to the extent that excess contributions by members are allowed to be returned upon dissolution by an organization described in § 501(c)(6) of the Code.

(c) Upon dissolution of the corporation, all of the corporation's assets remaining after payment of or provision for all of its liabilities (the "Net Assets") shall be paid over or transferred to one or more successor organizations described in § 501(c)(6) of the Code, or to one or more exempt organizations, which are described in section 501(c)(3) of the Code, contributions to which are deductible under section 170(c)(2) of the Code, at the time of any distribution, except to the extent that excess contributions by members are allowed to be returned upon dissolution by an organization described in § 501(c)(6) of the Code.

(d) All references in these articles of incorporation to provisions of the Code are to the provisions of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, and to the corresponding provisions of any subsequent federal tax laws.

ARTICLE V

Registered Office and Agent; Address

5.1 Registered Office and Agent. The street address of the registered office of the corporation is 410 North 21st Street, Colorado Springs, Colorado 80904. The name of its initial registered agent at such address is Elizabeth A. Warren.

5.2 Place of Business. In addition, the corporation may maintain a principal place of business at places as designated by the board of directors and properly filed. The initial principal place of business shall be 410 North 21st Street, Colorado Springs, Colorado 80904.

ARTICLE VI

Members

6.1 No Stock. The corporation shall have no capital stock.

6.2 Members. The corporation shall have voting members. The qualifications for membership shall be determined according to the Bylaws. Except for voting powers reserved to the members in the Bylaws or the Colorado Nonprofit Corporation Act, the management of the corporation shall be vested in the board of directors elected by the members as provided in the Bylaws.

ARTICLE VII

Board of Directors

7.1 Powers, Number, Terms and Election. The management of the affairs of the corporation shall be vested in a board of directors, except as otherwise provided in the Colorado Nonprofit Corporation Act, these articles of incorporation or the bylaws of the corporation. The number of directors, their classifications, their terms of office and the manner of their election or appointment, shall be determined according to the bylaws of the corporation from time to time in force.

7.2 Liability of Directors. No director shall be personally liable to the corporation for monetary damages for any breach of fiduciary duty as a director, except that the foregoing shall not eliminate or limit such director's liability to the corporation for monetary damages for the following: (a) any breach of such director's duty of loyalty to the corporation; (b) any of such director's acts or omissions not in good faith or which involve intentional misconduct or a knowing violation of law; (c) acts specified in C.R.S. Section 7-24-111, as it now exists or hereafter may be amended (regarding a director's assent to or participation in the making of any loan by the corporation to any director or officer of the corporation); or (d) any transaction from which such director derived an improper personal benefit. If the Colorado Nonprofit Corporation Act hereafter is amended to authorize the further elimination or

limitation of the liability of directors, then the liability of a director of the corporation, in addition to the limitation on personal liability provided herein, shall be further eliminated or limited to the fullest extent permitted by the Colorado Nonprofit Corporation Act. Any repeal or modification of this Section 7.2 shall be prospective only and shall not adversely affect any right or protection of a director of the corporation existing at the time of such repeal or modification.

**ARTICLE VIII
Bylaws**

The initial bylaws of the corporation shall be as adopted by the board of directors and ratified by the members. The members shall have power to alter, amend or repeal the bylaws from time to time in force and adopt new bylaws. The bylaws of the corporation may contain any provisions for the regulation or management of the affairs of the corporation that are not inconsistent with law or these articles of incorporation, as these articles may from time to time be amended. However, no bylaw at any time in effect, and no amendment to these articles, shall have the effect of giving any director or officer of the corporation any proprietary interest in the corporation's property or assets, whether during the term of the corporation's existence or as an incident to its dissolution, except as specifically allowed herein for an organization described in § 501(c)(6) of the Code.

**ARTICLE IX
Amendments**

Any amendment to these articles of incorporation shall be made by the adoption of such amendment by the members.

**ARTICLE X
Dissolution**

10.1 General. The corporation may be dissolved as provided by Colorado law for the dissolution of nonprofit corporations.

10.2 Assets. Upon dissolution, the Net Assets of the corporation must be distributed subject to the restrictions set forth in Section 4.2(c).

**ARTICLE XI
Incorporator**

The name and address of the incorporator is:

Elizabeth A. Warren
410 North 21st Street
Colorado Springs, Colorado 80904

The name and address of individual causing this document to be delivered for filing and to whom the Secretary of State may deliver notice if filing of this document is refused, is:

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