

**ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION**  
**OF**  
**COURT APPOINTED SPECIAL**  
**ADVOCATES OF SONOMA COUNTY, INC.**

**ONE:** The name of this corporation is Court Appointed Special Advocates of Sonoma County, Inc., or maybe referred to as CASA of Sonoma County.

**TWO:** This corporation is a nonprofit public benefit corporation and is not organized for the private benefit of any person. It is organized under the Nonprofit Public Benefit Corporation Law for charitable purposes. The specific purpose of this corporation is to promote charitable endeavors including, but not limited to:

(a) organizing volunteers who are appointed by the judicial system to represent the best interests of need children.

(b) educating the public about the special needs of children and their families involved in the judicial system.

**THREE:** The name and address in the State of California of this corporation's initial agent for service of process is Millie Gilson, 133 N. Pythian Road, Classroom L, Santa Rosa 95409.

**FOUR:** (A) This corporation is organized and operated exclusively for educational and charitable purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

(B) Notwithstanding any other provision of these Articles, the corporation shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (1) by a corporation exempt from federal income tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code or (2) by a corporation contribution to which are deductible under Section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code.

(C) No substantial part of the activities of this corporation shall consist of carrying on propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the corporation shall not participate 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.

**FIVE:** The property of this corporation is irrevocably dedicated to charitable purposes and no part of the net income or assets of the organization shall ever inure to the benefit of any director, officer, agent or employee thereof or to the benefit of any private person.

On the dissolution or winding up of the corporation, its assets remaining after payment of, or provision for payment of, all debts and liabilities of this corporation, shall be distributed to a nonprofit fund, foundation or corporation which is organized and operated exclusively for charitable purposes and which has established its tax-exempt status under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

**SIX:** The name and address of the person appointed to act as the initial member of the board of directors of this corporation is David C. Brayton, 4145 Shadow Lane, #337, Santa Rosa, 95405-5253.

Executed by:

\_\_\_\_\_  
David C. Brayton, Director

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Date

I, the above-mentioned initial director of this corporation, hereby declare that I am the person who executed the foregoing Articles of Incorporation, which execution is my act and deed.

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David C. Brayton, Director

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Date