

ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION
of
NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF BUS CRASH FAMILIES

I, the undersigned natural person of the age of eighteen (18) years or more, acting as incorporator of a corporation under the Texas Non-Profit Corporation Act, do hereby adopt the following Articles of Incorporation for the corporation:

ARTICLE I

Name

The name of the Corporation is National Association of Bus Crash Families.

ARTICLE II

Non-Profit Corporation

The Corporation is a non-profit corporation without voting members.

ARTICLE III

Duration

The period of the Corporation's duration is perpetual.

ARTICLE IV

Purpose

The Corporation is organized and chartered exclusively for charitable, benevolent, civic, educational, religious and scientific purposes, as an organization that qualifies as exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 as amended or replaced (the "Code"), and may carry any of the following activities as long as such activities are not inconsistent with the status of the Corporation as an organization exempt from federal income taxation under Section 501(c)(3) of the Code:

1. To advocate for safer bus travel for children and adults including improved crashworthiness standards laws and requirements for school buses and motorcoaches on a local, state and federal level.
2. To educate parents, children, the general public, churches, school district administrators, teachers and any other consumer of bus travel services regarding the dangers and risks of school bus and motorcoach travel under

current standards, as well as educate regarding the safer technology available to make bus travel safer.

3. To facilitate parents and school administrators to work together to upgrade and implement safer bus travel practices including but not limited to providing buses equipped with lap/shoulder seat belts and discontinuing use of unsafe motorcoaches until safety improvements are made.
4. To coordinate the efforts of local groups, communities and families affected by the tragedy of a bus crash toward advocacy and education efforts of their own. To this end, the Corporation shall have the power to grant “chapter” status to any such group acting in a manner consistent with the purposes of the Corporation. Chapter status shall be designated by consent of the Board of Directors.
5. To provide ministry and support for the needs of families and communities affected by the tragedy of a bus crash.
6. To solicit and receive contributions, fees, gifts, grants, contracts, devises, legacies, transfers, or bequests of real or personal property or both from individuals, institutions, public or private corporations, and to maintain, invest, use, sell and apply the whole or any part of the income therefrom and the principal thereof exclusively for charitable, benevolent, civic, scientific, religious or educational activities in order to aid and benefit programs and activities consistent with the purposes of the Corporation.
7. To borrow money and to execute such evidence of indebtedness and such contracts, agreements, and instruments as may be necessary, and to execute and deliver any mortgage, deed or trust, assignment of income, or other security instrument in connection therewith.
8. To establish and operate non-profit or for profit business enterprise consistent with the purposes of the Corporation.
9. To do all things necessary and appropriate for carrying out and exercising the foregoing purposes and powers.

Notwithstanding any other provisions of these Bylaws, the Corporation shall not conduct or carry on any activities not permitted to be conducted or carried on by an organization exempt from taxation under Section 501(c)(3) of the Code and all regulations promulgated thereunder as they now exist or as they may hereafter be amended, or by an organization, contributions to which are deductible under Section 509(a)(1) and 170 (b)(1)(a)(vi) of the Code and the regulations promulgated thereunder as they now exist or as they may hereafter be amended.

The Corporation is organized pursuant to the Texas Non-Profit Corporation Act, and does not contemplate pecuniary gain or profit to the members of the Corporation (if any) and is organized for non-profit purposes.

ARTICLE V

Initial Registered Office and Agent

The address of the initial registered office is 550 Fannin, Suite 400, Beaumont, Texas 77701, and the name of its initial registered agent at such address is Stephen Forman.

ARTICLE VI

Limitation of Power

No part of the net earnings of the Corporation shall inure to the benefit of or be distributable to the directors, officers, members (if any), employees, agents, or incorporators of this Corporation, or other private individuals, but the Corporation shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable salaries, fees, honorariums, and other reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make reasonable payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth in Article IV hereof.

It is intended that this Corporation shall have the status of a corporation which is exempt from federal income taxation under Section 501(a) of the Code as an organization described in Section 501(c)(3) of the Code and which is other than a private foundation by reason of being described in Section 509(a)(1) and 170(b)(1)(a)(vi) of the Code. These articles shall be construed accordingly, and all powers and activities of the Corporation shall be limited accordingly. The Corporation shall not carry on propaganda or otherwise attempt to influence legislation to such extent as would result in the loss of its exemption from federal income tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Code. No activity of the Corporation shall consist of participating in or intervening in (including the publishing or distributing of statements for) any campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office.

ARTICLE VII

Dissolution

Upon dissolution of the Corporation, the Board of Directors shall, after paying or making provisions for the payment of all the liabilities and obligations of the Corporation, dispose of any and all of the assets of the Corporation exclusively to an organization with similar purposes to the purposes of the Corporation for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Code, provided that such organization is at that time qualified as an exempt organization under Section 501(c)(3) of the Code, as the Board of Directors shall determine. Any such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by any court having jurisdiction in the county in which the principal office of the Corporation is then located, exclusively for such exempt purposes

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said Court shall determine, and exclusively to such organization or organizations that qualify as exempt organizations under Section 501(c)(3) of the Code.

ARTICLE VIII

Board of Directors

The number of Directors constituting the initial Board of Directors of the Corporation is three (3). The number of Directors shall be as from time to time fixed by the Board of Directors or in the manner provided in the Bylaws and shall never be less than three (3). The names and addresses of the persons who are to serve as the initial Board of Directors are as follows:

NAME	ADDRESS
Stephen Forman	1555 Infinity, Beaumont, Texas 77706
Jeanette Forman	1555 Infinity, Beaumont, Texas 77706
Bradley D. Brown	3647 Briar Creek Dr., Beaumont, Texas 77706

ARTICLE IX

By-Laws

The Bylaws of the Corporation shall be adopted by its Board of Directors. The power to alter, amend, or repeal the by-laws or to adopt new Bylaws shall be vested in the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE X

Incorporator

The name and address of the incorporator of the Corporation are as follows:

NAME	ADDRESS
Stephen Forman	1555 Infinity, Beaumont, Texas 77706

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, these Articles of Incorporation have been executed on _____, 20____, by the undersigned.

Stephen Forman