

ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION
OF
HOWARD COUNTY STRIDERS, INC.

approved and received for record by the State Department of Assessments and Taxation
of Maryland January 21, 1981 at 10:55 o'clock A. M. as in conformity
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Department of Assessments and Taxation of Maryland.

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To the clerk of the Circuit Court of Howard County

IT IS HEREBY CERTIFIED, that the within instrument, together with all indorsements thereon, has
been received, approved and recorded by the State Department of Assessments and Taxation of Maryland.

AS WITNESS my hand and seal of the said Department at Baltimore.



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HOWARD COUNTY STRIDERS, INC.

THIS IS TO CERTIFY:

That I, the subscriber, David L. Tripp, whose post office address is 6175 Campfire, Columbia, Maryland 21045, being of full legal age, desires to form a NON PROFIT CHARITABLE MEMBERSHIP CORPORATION, under and by virtue of the General Laws of the State of Maryland authorizing the formation of corporations by the execution and filing of these Articles.

FIRST: The name of the corporation (which is hereinafter called the "Corporation") shall be: "HOWARD COUNTY STRIDERS, INC."

SECOND: The place in this State where the principal office of the Corporation is to be located is Columbia, Maryland. The address of the Corporation is c/o David L. Tripp, 6175 Campfire, Columbia, Maryland 21045. The name and address of the Resident Agent of the Corporation is David L. Tripp, 6175 Campfire, Columbia, Maryland 21045. Said Resident Agent is an adult citizen of Maryland and actually resides therein.

THIRD: The Corporation is organized exclusively for charitable, educational, and scientific purposes, including the improvement of the physical fitness of its members and of the community in general through the promotion and encouragement of long distance running. In furtherance of this purpose, the Corporation may engage in any activity not prohibited for charitable organizations qualified as tax-exempt pursuant to Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, as amended.

FOURTH: The property of the Corporation shall be held and its business managed and controlled by a Board of Directors, the number of which shall be specified in the By-Laws of the Corporation but in any event shall not be less than three (3). The names of the Directors who shall act until the first annual meeting or until their successors are duly selected and qualified are David L. Tripp, Judith Tripp, Robert Brown, and Warren Ohlrich. In addition, the Corporation shall have such officers as are specified in the By-Laws. The manner of selection of officers and directors, their duties and responsibilities, and filling of vacancies shall be as specified in the By-Laws.

FIFTH: The Corporation shall not be organized for profit, and no part of the net earnings of the Corporation shall inure to the personal benefit of, or be distributable to, its members, directors, officers, or other private persons, except that the Corporation may pay

reasonable compensation for services rendered and may make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth in Article Third hereof. The Corporation shall not participate in any political campaign on behalf of any party or candidate for public office. Notwithstanding any other provision of these Articles, this Corporation shall not conduct any activity not permitted to be conducted by organizations exempt from federal income taxation under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, as amended.

SIXTH: The Corporation shall not issue capital stock.

SEVENTH: Any person who accepts the purpose of the Corporation shall be eligible for membership or to participate in the activities and functions thereof, subject to the payment of any dues, fees, charges, or other assessments as applicable, without regard to race, creed, color, national origin, sex, age, handicap, physical condition, or running experience.

EIGHTH: The duration of the Corporation shall be perpetual.

NINTH: The By-Laws of the Corporation shall provide for the conduct of the business of the Corporation and the carrying out of the purpose of the Corporation. Such By-Laws may be amended by the membership of the Corporation as specified therein.

TENTH: The Corporation shall be affiliated with the Road Runners Club of America and shall be subject to the by-laws and policy of that organization insofar as they govern activities which are consistent with activities permitted for charitable organizations qualified as tax-exempt pursuant to Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, as amended.

ELEVENTH: Upon the dissolution of the Corporation, the Board of Directors, after paying or making provisions for the payment of all of the liabilities of the Corporation, shall distribute, transfer and convey all of the assets of the Corporation to such organizations organized and operated exclusively for purposes as shall at that time qualify as exempt organizations under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, as amended, or any corresponding revision thereof. Any such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by the Circuit Court for Howard County exclusively for such aforementioned purposes in the absolute discretion of said Court.

TWELFTH: No amendment to these Articles shall be adopted unless deemed advisable by the Board of Directors and approved by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of those present at any regular or special meeting of the membership.

provided reasonable, but not less than seven (7) days, prior notice of the terms and proposed consideration of the amendment shall have been given to the membership.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my name this 20th day of JANUARY, 1980. 1981.

WITNESS:

[Signature]

[Signature]
David L. Tripp

BALTIMORE

STATE OF MARYLAND, HOWARD COUNTY, to wit:

I HEREBY CERTIFY, that on this 20th day of January, 1980, before me, the subscriber, a Notary Public, in and for the State and County aforesaid, personally appeared David L. Tripp, and he acknowledged the foregoing Articles of Incorporation of Howard County Striders, Inc., to be his act and deed.

[Signature]
Notary Public

My Commission Expires July 1, 1982.

