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ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

OF A TAX EXEMPT

KNIFE RIGHTS FOUNDATION, INC.

(Arizona Non- Profit Corporation)

- 1. Name: The name of the Corporation is Knife Rights Foundation, Inc.
- 2. <u>Purpose:</u> The purpose for which the Corporation is organized is one or more of charitable purposes specified in Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code including, for such purposes, the making of distributions to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code.
- 3. Character of Affairs: The character of affairs of the corporation will be to engage in activities that promote the legal, safe and responsible ownership, carry and use of knives and edged tools, promote education in and an appreciation for the history of knives and edged tools and may also engage in any and all activities and for any and all purposes permitted by law of non-profit corporations, which activities and purposes the Board of Directors may authorize from time to time.
- 4. No part of the net earnings of the corporation may inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its members, directors, officers or other private persons, except the corporation shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments in furtherance of the purposes set forth in Article 2. Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, the corporation shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by a corporation exempt from Federal Income Tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law or: (b) by a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under Section 501(c)(3)or the corresponding provisions of any future United States Internal Revenue Laws.
- 5. Upon the dissolution of the corporation, assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of section 501(c)(3) or 501(c)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or shall be distributed to the federal government, or to a state or local government, for a public purpose. Any such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by a Court of Competent Jurisdiction of the county in which the principal office of the corporation is then 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.
- 6. No substantial part of the activities of this corporation shall consist of carrying on propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation (except as otherwise provided by Section 501(h) of the Internal Revenue Code or the corresponding provisions of any future United States Internal Revenue Laws), and this corporation shall not participate in, 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.
- 7. In any taxable year in which this corporation is a private foundation as described in Section 509(a) of the Internal Revenue Code, the corporation 1) shall distribute its income for said period at such time and manner as not to subject it to tax under Section 4942 of the Internal Revenue Code; 2) shall not engage in any act of self-dealing as defined in Section 4941(d) of the Internal Revenue Code; 3) shall not retain any excess business holdings as defined in Section 4943(c) of the Internal Revenue Code; 4) shall not make any investments in such manner as to subject the corporation to tax under Section 4944 of the Internal Revenue Code; and 5) shall not make any taxable expenditures as defined in Section 4945(d) of the Internal Revenue Code (or the corresponding provisions of any future United States Internal Revenue Laws).

- 8. The power of indemnification under the Arizona Revised Statutes shall not be denied or limited by the bylaws.
- 9. <u>Board of Directors</u>: The initial board of directors shall consist of four director(s) and thereafter will be fixed by the bylaws. The names and addresses of the persons who are to serve as the director(s) until the first annual meeting of the members (Board of Directors), or until their successor(s) is(are) elected and qualifies are:

Douglas S. Ritter, 313 W. Temple Ct., Gilbert, AZ, 85233 Tom Gresham, P.O. Box 665, Natchitoches, LA 71458 Ethan Becker, 678 Mt. Pleasant Rd., Vonore, TN 37885 Alan Romania, 4902 S. Meadows Pl., Chandler, AZ 85248

14. Members: The Corporation will not have members.

If signing on behalf of a company serving as statutory

agent, print company name here]

- 10. Known Place of Business: The street address of the known place of business of the Corporation is: 313 W. Temple Ct., Gilbert, AZ, 85233
- 11. Statutory Agent: The name and address of the statutory agent of the Corporation is: Douglas S. Ritter, 313 W. Temple Ct., Gilbert, AZ, 85233
- 12. <u>Incorporator</u>: The name and address of the incorporator is: Douglas S. Ritter, 313 W. Temple Ct., Gilbert, AZ, 85233

All powers, duties and responsibilities of the incorporator shall cease at the time of delivery of these Articles of Incorporation to the Arizona Corporation Commission.

13. <u>Discrimination</u>: The Corporation will not practice or permit discrimination on the basis of sex, age, race, national origin, religion, or physical handicap or disability.