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## NON-PROFIT CORPORATION ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION (Including amendments to original filing made up to January, 1986)

We, the undersigned natural persons of  
the age of twenty-one years or more, acting as  
incorporators of a corporation adopt the following  
Articles of Incorporation for such corporation  
pursuant to the District of Columbia Non-Profit  
Corporation Act:

FIRST: The name of the Corporation is:  
NATIONAL SPACE SOCIETY.

SECOND: The period of duration is perpetual.

THIRD: The purposes for which the corporation  
is organized are:

1. To promote space research, exploration,  
development and habitation through the  
media of conferences, the press, and other  
literary and educational means;
2. To stimulate the advancement of  
applications of space and related  
technologies for the benefit of all  
mankind.
3. To bring together persons from the federal  
government, industry, educational institu-  
tions, the press, and other walks of life,  
for the exchange of information on space  
and through them to inform the public at  
large;
4. From time to time, to provide suitable  
recognition and do honor to individuals and  
organizations that have contributed to the  
advancement of space.

6. Informing the public at large on space and related technology matters; and

7. The provision of suitable recognition and honor to individuals and organizations which have contributed to the advancement of space research, development, habitation and exploration, as well as scientific and technological developments related thereto.

Said corporation is organized exclusively for educational and scientific purposes, 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 of 1954 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law).

No part of the net earnings of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to, its members, directors (trustees), officers, or other private persons, except that the corporation shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth in this Article. No substantial part of the activities of the corporation shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation (except to the extent allowed by law); provided, however, that the Corporation shall be empowered to make the election authorized under Section 501(h) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954. The Corporation shall not participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements) in any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office. 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 of 1954 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law) or (b) by a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under section 170(c)(2) or the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law).

FOURTH: The corporation is to be divided into classes of members. The number of classes and designation of each class of members, the qualification and rights of members of each class and the conferring, limiting, or denying the right to vote shall be provided in the By-Laws. The initial membership of the National Space Society shall be the combined membership of the L5 Society and of the National Space Society as of the date of the completion of the merger of said corporations. Members shall have the right to vote in the annual election of the Board of Directors. Members shall also have the right to vote as specified in Articles SEVENTH and EIGHTH of these Articles of Incorporation, and for amendments to the Bylaws, under those circumstances and pursuant to the procedures as designated in the Bylaws. Meetings of the membership for purposes of voting may be conducted by mail as provided by the Bylaws of the corporation.

FIFTH: The directors (trustees) shall be elected or appointed as shall be provided in the By-Laws.

SIXTH: Management of the corporation will be by the Board of Directors (Trustees).

SEVENTH: In order for the Society to merge, consolidate, or voluntarily dissolve, a plan for the merger, consolidation, or voluntary dissolution must first be proposed which contains the particulars of the proposed action as required by the laws of the District of Columbia for nonprofit corporations. The plan must be passed by the Society as if it were an amendment to these Articles of Incorporation by the procedures in the section labeled "EIGHTH" of these Articles of Incorporation.

EIGHTH: These Articles of Incorporation may be amended only by the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the voting members of the Board of Directors, or the affirmative vote of more than half of the voting members of the Board of Directors followed by the affirmative vote of more than half of the eligible members of the Society who vote in an election called specifically for the purpose of voting on such measure. In order to be validly considered by the Board of Directors, the notice of a meeting of the Board of Directors to consider such an amendment must include the exact text of any proposed amendment. In order for a proposed amendment to these Articles of Incorporation to be voted on by the membership, it must be sent to the members of the Society for a mail vote by publication in the Society's primary magazine or by direct mail, pursuant to the procedures for mail vote as designated in the Bylaws. A member shall be eligible to vote on a proposed amendment to these Articles of Incorporation only if he or she was continuously a member for the entire month during which the amendment was mailed (as indicated in the postmark) to the members for their consideration.

NINTH: Upon completion of the merger between the L5 Society and the National Space Society, the initial set of Bylaws of the surviving corporation shall be the document titled "Bylaws of the National Space Society" which was adopted as part of the merger process by the Boards of Directors of the merging corporations.

Upon the dissolution of the corporation, the Board of Directors (Trustees) shall, after paying or making provision for the payment of all of the liabilities of the corporation, dispose of all the assets of the corporation exclusively for the purposes of all the corporation in such manner, or to such organization or organizations organized and operated exclusively for charitable, educational, religious, or scientific purposes as shall at the time qualify as an exempt organization or organizations under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law), as the Board of Directors (Trustees) shall determine.

Further provisions for the regulation of the internal affairs of the corporation shall be provided in the By-Laws.

TENTH: The address of its initial registered office is Committee on Science and Astronautics, House of Representatives, Suite 2321, Rayburn House Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20515, and the name of its initial registered agent at such address is Frank R. Hammill, Jr.

ELEVENTH: The number of directors (trustees) constituting the initial Board of Directors (Trustees) is six and the names and addresses of the persons who are to serve as the initial directors (trustees) until the first annual meeting or until their successors be elected and qualified are:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>
Gene M. Bradley	
Thomas Turner	(Covered to protect privacy)
Ralph D. Clark	
Tom P. Emerich	
Fred E. Everett	
Harry S. Dawson, Jr.	

Original signed and notarized May '30, 1974

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AND REGULATORY AFFAIRS  
BUSINESS REGULATION ADMINISTRATION



*C E R T I F I C A T E*

*THIS IS TO CERTIFY* that there were received and accepted for record in the Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs, Corporations Division, on the *13th* day of *June, 1974*, Articles of Incorporation of:

*NATIONAL SPACE SOCIETY*

The above named corporation is duly incorporated and existing pursuant to and by virtue of the Nonprofit Corporation Act of the District of Columbia and authorized to conduct its affairs in the District of Columbia as of the date mentioned above.

*WE FURTHER CERTIFY* that the above entitled corporation is at the time of issuance of this certificate in Good Standing, according to the records of the Corporations Division, having filed all annual reports required by the District of Columbia Nonprofit Corporation Act.

*IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF* I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of this office to be affixed this *18th* day of *November, 1996*.

Hampton Cross  
Director

Katherine A. Williams  
Administrator  
Business Regulation Administration

*William L. Ables, Jr.*  
William L. Ables, Jr.  
Act. Asst. Corporate Program Manager  
Corporations Division

Marion Barry, Jr.  
Mayor