

**ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION
OF
TRUSSVILLE CITY SCHOOLS BAND FOUNDAT.**

For the purpose of forming a nonprofit corporation under the Alabama Business and Nonprofit Entity Code (§ 10A-1-1.01 et seq., Code of Alabama (1975)) and the Alabama Nonprofit Corporation Law (§ 10A-3-1.01 et seq., Code of Alabama (1975)), and any acts or laws amendatory thereof, supplementary thereto or substituted therefor (collectively hereinafter referred to as the "Nonprofit Corporation Law"), the undersigned organizer does hereby execute, verify and adopt these Articles of Incorporation, and, upon the filing for record of these Articles of Incorporation in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Jefferson County, Alabama, the existence of a nonprofit corporation under the name set forth in Article I hereof shall commence.

**ARTICLE I
NAME**

The name of the filing entity being formed is Trussville City Schools Band Foundation, hereinafter referred to as the "Corporation."

**ARTICLE II
TYPE OF FILING ENTITY**

The type of filing entity being formed is a nonprofit corporation within the meaning of Section 10A-3-1.02(6) of the Nonprofit Corporation Law.

**ARTICLE III
PURPOSES**

The objects and purposes for which the Corporation is formed, and the powers which it may exercise in furtherance thereof, are as follows:

(a) The Corporation is organized and shall be operated exclusively for charitable or educational purposes (or any combination thereof) within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, and the Regulations promulgated thereunder (the "Code"). Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the Corporation is organized to foster the needs of the Trussville City Schools Band (the "Band") as a whole and to promote education and music appreciation among the members of the Trussville City Schools Band. The Corporation may promote and advance such purposes by any activity in which a corporation organized under the Nonprofit Corporation Law may engage, and may receive and maintain a fund or funds of real or personal property, or both, and administer and apply the income and principal thereof, within the United States of America, for such purposes.

(b) The admission policies adopted by the Band will not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national or ethnic origin. All students, regardless of their race, color, national or ethnic origin, shall enjoy the rights, privileges, programs and activities generally

accorded or made available to students enrolled in the Band. The Band will not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national or ethnic origin in the administration of its educational policies, tuition assistance and other programs administered by the Band. The Band will not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national or ethnic origin in the hiring or promotion of its teaching staff or administrative personnel.

(c) The Corporation shall possess and may exercise all the powers and privileges vested in a nonprofit corporation by the Nonprofit Corporation Law or by any other law of the State of Alabama, together with all powers necessary or convenient to the conduct, promotion or attainment of the activities or purposes for which the Corporation is organized; provided, that the activities conducted by the Corporation shall be subject to any restrictions set forth in these Articles of Incorporation and the Corporation shall not conduct or carry on any activities not permitted to be carried on by an organization exempt from Federal income tax under Code Section 501(c)(3), or by an organization contributions to which are deductible under Code Section 170(c)(2).

(d) The foregoing clauses of this Article III shall be construed equally as objects, purposes and powers and the foregoing enumeration of specific objects, purposes or powers shall not be construed or held to limit or restrict in any manner the powers of the Corporation expressly conferred by law, except as expressly stated herein.

ARTICLE IV REGISTERED OFFICE

The street address of the initial registered office of the Corporation is 5000 Curtis Drive, Birmingham, Alabama 35215. The name of the initial registered agent of the Corporation at its registered office is Scott Waid.

ARTICLE V ORGANIZER

The name and address of the organizer of the Corporation is Tina L. Ramsay, 200 Dawns Way, Trussville, Alabama 35173.

ARTICLE VI MEMBERS

The Corporation shall have members.

ARTICLE VII DISSOLUTION

Upon the dissolution of the Corporation and the winding up of its affairs, the assets of the Corporation remaining after payment of all debts and liabilities shall be distributed to one or more charitable organizations recognized as exempt from federal income tax under Code Section 501(c)(3) to be designated by the board of directors of the Corporation.

**ARTICLE VIII
PROHIBITED ACTIVITIES**

Notwithstanding any other provision of these Articles of Incorporation, no part of the earnings of the Corporation shall inure to the benefit of any director, officer or other person holding a position of influence with the Corporation, or to any private individual (except that reasonable compensation may be paid for services rendered to or for the benefit of the Corporation in connection with the accomplishment of one or more of its stated charitable purposes), and no director or officer of the Corporation, or any private individual shall be entitled to share in the distribution of any of the corporate assets on dissolution of the Corporation. No substantial part of the activities of the Corporation shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the 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.

**ARTICLE IX
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

The number of directors constituting the initial board of directors of the Corporation shall be six (6). The number of directors constituting the board of directors of the Corporation thereafter shall be that number set forth in the bylaws of the Corporation. The names and addresses of the persons who are to serve as directors until the first annual meeting of the directors or until their successors are elected and qualified are as follows:

<u>Name:</u>	<u>Address:</u>
Paul Henderson	2020 Overlook Place Trussville, AL 35173
Tina L. Ramsay	200 Dawns Way Trussville, AL 35173
Barry Scott Lewis	6471 Plymouth Rock Drive Trussville, AL 35173
Marty Felts	610 Lakeridge Drive Trussville, AL 35173
Denise McManus	6144 Longmeadow Way Trussville, AL 35173
Jennifer Bender	5469 Wisteria Trace Trussville, AL 35173

The manner of electing directors, filling vacancies created by the resignation or removal of directors, and increasing or decreasing the number of directors constituting the board of directors is set forth in the bylaws of the Corporation. A director may be removed from office at any time, with or without cause, by the vote of a majority of the directors serving on the board of directors at the time such vote is taken.

ARTICLE X BYLAWS

The power to alter, amend or repeal the bylaws or adopt new bylaws shall be vested in the board of directors of the Corporation as more fully described in the bylaws.

ARTICLE XI AMENDMENTS

These Articles of Incorporation may be amended from time to time in accordance with applicable provisions of the Nonprofit Corporation Law. No amendment shall be made to these Articles of Incorporation which would in any way result in the operation of the Corporation for the private advantage or pecuniary profit of any director or officer thereof or permit the operation of the Corporation for any purpose other than the purposes described in Article III hereof.

ARTICLE XII INDEMNIFICATION OF DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS

In amplification and not in limitation of the provisions of applicable law:

(a) Pursuant to Section 10A-20-16.01 et seq. and Section 6-5-336 of the Code of Alabama (1975), as amended, and the Volunteer Protection Act of 1997, 42 U.S.C. Section 14501 et seq., all non-compensated directors, officers and other volunteers of the Corporation shall be immune from suit and shall not be subject to civil liability arising from the conduct of the affairs of the Corporation except when the act or omission of such person that gives rise to the cause of action amounts to willful or wanton misconduct or fraud or gross negligence.

(b) The Corporation shall indemnify any person who was or is a party or is threatened to be made a party to any threatened, pending or completed claim, action, suit or proceeding, whether civil, criminal, administrative or investigative, including appeals (other than an action by or in the right of the Corporation), by reason of the fact that he or she is or was a director or officer of the Corporation, against expenses (including attorneys' fees), judgments, fines and amounts paid in settlement actually and reasonably incurred by him or her in connection with such claim, action, suit or proceeding, unless he or she acted intentionally or willfully against the best interests of the Corporation. The termination of any claim, action, suit or proceeding by judgment, order, settlement, conviction, or upon a plea of nolo contendere or its equivalent, shall not, of itself, create a presumption that the person acted intentionally or willfully in a manner that was opposed to the best interests of the Corporation.

(c) The Corporation shall indemnify any person who was or is a party or is threatened to be made a party to any threatened, pending or completed claim, action or suit by or in the right of the Corporation to procure a judgment in its favor by reason of the fact that he or she is or was a director or officer of the Corporation against expenses (including attorneys' fees) actually and reasonably incurred by him or her in connection with the defense or settlement of such action or suit if he or she acted in good faith and in a manner he or she reasonably believed to be in or not opposed to the best interest of the Corporation, and except that no indemnification shall be made with respect to any claim, issue or matter as to which such person shall have been adjudged to be liable for intentional or willful misconduct in the performance of his or her duty to the Corporation unless and only to the extent that the court in which such action or suit was brought shall determine upon application that, despite the adjudication of liability but in view of all circumstances of the case, such person is fairly and reasonably entitled to indemnity for such expenses which such court shall deem proper.

(d) Any indemnification under paragraphs (b) and (c) above (unless ordered by a court) shall be made by the Corporation only as authorized in the specific case upon a determination that indemnification of the director or officer is proper in the circumstances because he or she has met the applicable standard of conduct set forth in paragraphs (b) and (c) above. Such determination shall be made (i) by the board of directors of the Corporation by a majority vote of the directors who were not parties to, or who have been wholly successful on the merits or otherwise with respect to, such claim, action, suit or proceeding, or (ii) if a majority of disinterested directors so directs, by independent legal counsel.

(e) Expenses (including attorneys' fees) incurred in defending a civil or criminal claim, action, suit or proceeding may be paid by the Corporation in advance of the final disposition of such claim, action, suit or proceeding upon receipt of an undertaking by or on behalf of the director or officer to repay such amount if and to the extent that it shall ultimately be determined that he or she is not entitled to be indemnified by the Corporation as authorized in this Article XII. Such undertaking shall be an unlimited, unsecured general obligation of the officer of the Corporation and shall be accepted without reference to his or her ability to make repayment.

(f) The indemnification authorized by this Article XII shall not be deemed exclusive of and shall be in addition to any other rights to which those indemnified may be entitled under any statute, rule of law, provision of articles or certificate of incorporation, bylaws, agreement, vote of disinterested directors or otherwise, both as to action by a person in his or her official capacity and as to action in another capacity while holding such office, and shall continue as to a person who has ceased to be a director or officer and shall inure to the benefit of the heirs, executors and administrators of such a person. No amendment, modification, or repeal of this Article XII shall diminish the right to indemnification with respect to any claim, cause, or matter in any then pending or subsequent proceeding that is based in any material respect on any alleged action or failure to act prior to such amendment, modification or repeal.

(g) The Corporation shall have the power to purchase and maintain insurance on behalf of any person who is or was a director, officer, employee or agent of the Corporation, against any liability asserted against him or her and incurred by him or her in any such capacity.

or arising out of his or her status as such, whether or not the Corporation would have the power to indemnify him or her against such liability under the provisions of this Article XII.

(h) There shall be no personal or individual liability of any director or officer for any debts, liabilities or obligations of the Corporation of any kind whatsoever.

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John H. Merrill
Secretary of State

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STATE OF ALABAMA

I, John H. Merrill, Secretary of State of Alabama, having custody of the Great and Principal Seal of said State, do hereby certify that

pursuant to the provisions of Title 10A, Chapter 1, Article 5, Code of Alabama 1975, and upon an examination of the entity records on file in this office, the following entity name is reserved as available:

Trussville City Schools Band Foundation

This name reservation is for the exclusive use of Tina Ramsay, 1819 5th Avenue North, Birmingham, AL 35203 for a period of one year beginning June 02, 2016 and expiring June 02, 2017

In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State, at the Capitol, in the city of Montgomery, on this day.



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June 02, 2016

Date

John H. Merrill

Secretary of State