

## State of California

## SECRETARY OF STATE

I, *BILL JONES*, Secretary of State of the State of California, hereby certify:

That the annexed transcript has been compared with the corporate record on file in this office, of which it purports to be a copy, and that same is full, true and correct.

*IN WITNESS WHEREOF*, I execute this certificate and affix the Great Seal of the State of California this

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*Bill Jones*

Secretary of State

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In the office of the Secretary of State  
of the State of California

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BILL JONES, Secretary of State

**ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF LIFERING, INC.,**  
**A CALIFORNIA PUBLIC BENEFIT CORPORATION**

**ONE:** The name of this corporation is LIFERING INC.

**TWO:** This corporation is a nonprofit public benefit corporation and is not organized for the private gain of any person. It is organized under the Nonprofit Public Benefit Corporation Law for charitable purposes. The specific purposes for which this corporation is organized are to serve recovering alcoholics, addicts and persons involved in relationships with them, and the general public, by publishing and disseminating educational materials relative to alcoholism, addiction and recovery therefrom, in print and other media, using the trade name **LifeRing Press**, and by holding public forums and meetings and similar activities, all dedicated to the goals of abstinence, secularity, and self-help; and to engage in all other activities incidental to or appropriate in the achievement of the foregoing specific and primary charitable purpose.

**THREE:** The name and address in the State of California of this corporation's initial agent for service of process is Martin Nicolaus, Nicolaus Law Office, 1440 Broadway, Suite 1000, Oakland, California 94612-2029.

**FOUR:** (a) This corporation is organized and operated exclusively for educational and charitable purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

(b) Notwithstanding any other provision of these Articles, the corporation shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (1) by a corporation exempt from federal income tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code or (2) by a corporation contributions to which are deductible under Section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code.

(c) No substantial part of the activities of this corporation shall consist of carrying on propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the corporation shall not participate or intervene in any political campaign (including the publishing or distribution of statements) on behalf of, or in opposition to, any candidate for public office.

**FIVE:** The property of this corporation is irrevocably dedicated to charitable purposes and no part of the net income or assets of the organization shall ever inure to the benefit of any director, officer or member thereof or to the benefit of any private person.

On the dissolution or winding up of the corporation, its assets remaining after payment of, or provision for payment of, all debts and liabilities of this corporation, shall be distributed to a nonprofit fund, foundation, or corporation which is organized and operated exclusively for charitable purposes and which has established its tax-exempt status under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

Dated: 4-23-97 M.N.  
Martin Nicolaus, Incorporator

I hereby declare that I am the person who executed the foregoing Articles of Incorporation, which execution is my act and deed.

Dated: 4-23-97 M.N.  
Martin Nicolaus