# ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION FOR A TAX-EXEMPT NONSTOCK CORPORATION

**FIRST:** The undersigned Mark O. Thornton, Patricia M. Thornton

whose address is 26120 Kings Valley Road, Damascus, MD 20872

_____, being at least eighteen years of age, do(es) hereby form a corporation under the laws of the State of Maryland.

**SECOND:** The name of the corporation is The Sarcoma Foundation of America, Inc.

**THIRD:** The purposes for which the corporation is formed are as follows: To advocate and provide medical research funding for the development of novel therapies against sarcoma.

Said corporation is organized exclusively for charitable, religious, 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, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

**FOURTH:** The street address of the principal office of the corporation in Maryland is 26120 Kings Valley Road, Damascus, MD 20872

**FIFTH:** The name of the resident agent of the corporation in Maryland is Mark Thornton, M.D.

_____ whose address is 26120 Kings Valley Road, Damascus, MD 20872

**SIXTH:** The corporation has no authority to issue capital stock.

**SEVENTH:** The number of directors of the corporation shall be two which number may be increased or decreased pursuant to the bylaws of the corporation. The name(s) of the director(s) who shall act until the first meeting or until their successors are duly chosen and qualified is/are Mark O. Thornton, Patricia M. Thornton

**EIGHTH:** No part of the net earnings of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its members, 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 Article Third hereof. 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. 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 section of any future federal tax code, or (b) by a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under Section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

Upon the dissolution of the corporation, assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) 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.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have signed these articles and acknowledge the same to be my act.

**SIGNATURE(S) OF INCORPORATOR(S):**

Mark D. Thornton

Patricia M. Thornton

I hereby consent to my designation in this document as resident agent for this corporation.

**SIGNATURE OF RESIDENT AGENT LISTED IN FIFTH:**

Mark Thornton, M.D.

**RETURN TO:**

Mark Thornton, M.D.

26120 Kings Valley Road

Damascus, MD 20872