# ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF BRIDGE TO TURKIYE

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The undersigned, being a natural person of the age of 18 years or more, does make and acknowledge these Articles of Incorporation for the purpose of forming a non-profit corporation under and by virtue of the laws of the State of North Carolina as contained in Chapter 55A of the General Statutes of North Carolina, as amended, entitled the "Non-Profit Corporation Act," and does hereby set forth the following:

#### ARTICLE I

The name of the Corporation shall be Bridge to Turkiye.

#### ARTICLE 11

The period of duration of the Corporation shall be perpetual.

#### **ARTICLE III**

The purposes for which the Corporation is organized are:

- (a) To provide charitable support for education, healthcare, and environmental needs of the underprivileged segments of society in the United States and Turkey.
- (b) To conduct charitable activities exclusively on a nonprofit basis, within the meaning of §501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue law).
- (c) To engage in any other lawful activity for which corporations may be organized under Chapter 55A of the General Statutes of North Carolina, as amended, provided that said activities are permitted under Code §501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code as amended (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue law).

#### ARTICLE IV

The Corporation is irrevocably dedicated to, and operated exclusively for, nonprofit purposes; and hence, the Corporation shall have no power to declare dividends or issue capital stock, and no part of the income or assets of the Corporation shall be distributed to, or inure to the benefit of any individual or entity, except that the Corporation shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services actually rendered; and the Corporation shall be entitled to reimburse individuals for reasonable amounts of expenses actually incurred in attending to the affairs of this Corporation. No bylaw, action of directors or other transaction shall have the effect of allowing the Corporation to participate in transactions or activities which are not permitted to be carried on by a corporation described in §501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue law) or which would permit any substantial part of the activities of this Corporation to consist of the carrying on of propaganda or of otherwise attempting to influence legislation or which would permit this Corporation to participate in or intervene in, any political campaign in behalf of, or in opposition to, any candidate for public office.

# ARTICLE V

The number of Directors of the Corporation shall not be less than three (3).

# ARTICLE VI

The Corporation shall have no members.

# **ARTICLE VII**

The street address of the principal office and the initial registered office of the Corporation is located at 4005 George V Strong Wynd, Raleigh, Wake County, North Carolina 27612. The name of the initial registered agent at such address is Bulent Ender.

# ARTICLE VIII

Except in such cases where specifically prohibited by N.C.G.S. Chapter 55A, the corporation shall indemnify, defend and hold it's directors and officers harmless against all proceedings, claims, actions, liabilities and expenses to the full extent permitted by law.

# ARTICLE IX

Upon dissolution of the Corporation and after satisfaction of its debts, all assets of the Corporation shall be distributed to such other IRC §501(c)(3) organizations which have the same or similar mission and objectives as the Corporation.

#### ARTICLE X

The name and address of the incorporator is Richard P. Nordan, 3605 Glenwood Avenue, Suite 240, Raleigh, Wake County, North Carolina 27612.

#### ARTICLE XI

The effective date of incorporation shall be the date of filing with the office of the North Carolina Secretary of State.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has hereto set his hand and seal this 17 had a of 1000 and 1000 an

Richard P. Nordan, Incorporator

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