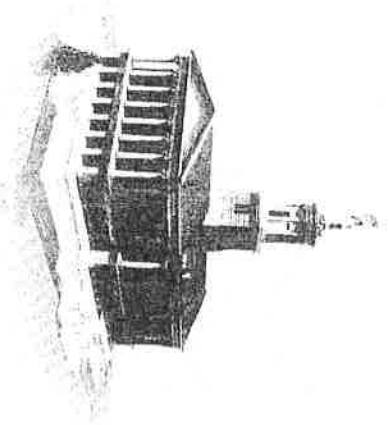


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### CERTIFICATE

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The undersigned, as Secretary of State of the State of Tennessee, hereby certifies that the attached document was received for filing on behalf of EDUCATION ADVOCACY FOR CHILDREN WITH HANDICAPS, INC. (Name of Corporation) was duly executed in accordance with the Tennessee General Corporation Act, was found to conform to law and was filed by the undersigned, as Secretary of State, on the date noted on the document.

THEFORE, the undersigned, as Secretary of State, and by virtue of the authority vested in him by law, hereby issues this certificate and attaches hereto the document which was duly filed on September Twenty-sixth 19 78.

*Lenny Crumelle*  
Secretary of State



## EDUCATION ADVOCACY FOR CHILDREN WITH HANDICAPS, INC.

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The undersigned natural person having capacity to contract and acting as the incorporator of a corporation under the Tennessee General Corporation Act, adopts the following Charter for such corporation:

1. The name of the corporation is EDUCATION ADVOCACY FOR CHILDREN WITH HANDICAPS, INC.
2. The duration of the corporation is perpetual.
3. The address of the principal office of the corporation in the State of Tennessee shall be P. O. Box 24321, Nashville, Tennessee.
4. The corporation is not for profit.
5. The purposes for which the corporation is organized are:
  - a. To educate and promote the education of parents of handicapped children regarding their children's needs, rights, and resources.
  - b. To provide and assist in the provision of individual advocacy for [children with handicaps] including, where appropriate, litigation and other legal assistance.
  - c. To provide training for individuals in order to make them more effective advocates [for children] with handicaps.
  - d. To establish a clearing house for information as to laws, regulations, decisions, resources, contacts and any other information useful to advocates for children with handicaps.
  - e. To establish evaluation standards by which the effectiveness of advocates for children with handicaps may be evaluated.
  - f. To operate exclusively for charitable, educational, literary, and/or scientific purposes, to lessen the burdens of government, to promote the social welfare.

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private sources sufficient to develop and maintain such projects and activities as the corporation might undertake in furtherance of its purposes;

H. To purchase, lease, or otherwise acquire such property, real or personal, sufficient for its purposes;

I. To carry on any other similar activity in connection with the foregoing and to have and exercise all of the powers conferred on non-profit corporations by the laws of the State of Tennessee and Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 such that the corporation remains a non-profit entity.

6. The corporation shall not have members.

7. At all times, notwithstanding any change of name, merger, or dissolution:

(a) the corporation shall not possess or exercise any power or authority that will prevent it any time from qualifying or continuing to qualify as a tax-exempt corporation as defined in Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, as amended.

(b) no part of the assets or net earnings of the corporation shall be used for purposes that are not exclusively charitable or educational within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 as amended.

(c) the corporation shall not attempt to influence legislation except to the extent permitted under the 1976 Amendments to the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 as amended nor shall it intervene in any manner in any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office;

(d) no part of the assets or net earnings, nor any compensation or other payment shall be paid to any officer, Board member or incorporator of the corporation except as reasonable compensation for services rendered.

8. Upon the termination or dissolution of the corporation in any manner or for any reason, its assets, if any, remaining

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after payment of all liabilities, shall be distributed to,  
and only to, one or more organizations described in  
Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954.

This 26 day of September, 197  .

  
ALLSTON VANDER HORST  
Incorporator

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