

**ARTICLES OF AMENDMENT  
AND  
RESTATED ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION  
OF  
GERMANS FROM RUSSIA HERITAGE SOCIETY**

(Formerly North Dakota Historical Society of Germans From Russia, Inc.)

The undersigned being the President and Secretary respectively of the above named corporation do hereby certify that the following is the Restated Articles of Incorporation adopted by the corporation at its annual meeting at Jamestown, North Dakota, on July 14, 1979, and that such Restated Articles of Incorporation were adopted by the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the members present in person and by proxy and voting thereon.

**ARTICLE I**

The name of the corporation shall be:

**GERMANS FROM RUSSIA HERITAGE SOCIETY**

It is a North Dakota non-profit corporation and shall maintain its principal office in Bismarck, North Dakota.

**ARTICLE II**

The period of its duration shall be perpetual.

**ARTICLE III**

The purposes for which this corporation is formed shall be as follows:

1. Educational, civic and charitable to the end that it shall seek to bring together those people interested in history and especially those people interested in the history of Germans from Russia.
2. To aid, assist, promote, encourage and undertake the discovery, collection, preservation, and publishing of biographies, genealogies, histories, newspapers, letters, diaries, circulars, journals, rosters, service records, church rolls, pictures, tape recordings, microfilms, photographs, paintings, memoranda, and any and all materials, documents, and objects which illustrate and document the early migration and settlement of German colonists to and in the land areas of Russia extending from Bessarabia to the Caucasus and to the Volga River area and the subsequent migration of them or their descendants from Russia to the Western Hemisphere.
3. To collect and preserve the folklore, songs, literature, objects of art and craft which illustrate and document the style and mode of life, conditions, events and activities, forms and style of worship and government of such people while living in German colonies in Russia as well as after emigrating to the Western hemisphere and the

- cultural, material, and aesthetic contributions of Germans from Russian or their descendants to the culture and social order of the Western Hemisphere.
4. To cooperate with educational institutions, historians, scholars, researchers and all persons, institutions, and other organizations engaged in similar studies.
  5. To acquire by bequests, purchase, gift and accept on loan objects of art, science, industry, and skill, papers, journals, tapes, photographs, microfilms, and any and all materials which pertain to, or will aid and assist the corporation in fulfilling its aims and objectives as herein stated; and to preserve, exhibit and show such objects of art, science, industry, and skill; to exhibit, construct, operate and maintain a central archive, museum or museums or cooperate and assist other organizations in the collection, documentation, indexing, and preservation of such materials pertaining to the objects and purposes herein set forth.
  6. To publish papers, pamphlets, books and articles, or by any other means disseminate historical information.
  7. To purchase, lease, hold, sell, develop, mortgage, or otherwise acquire and dispose of real estate and personal property necessary or proper or deemed advisable for carrying out the purposes of the corporation.
  8. To do any and all other things necessary for carrying out the purposes of this corporation.
  9.
    - a. No part of the net earnings of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of or be distributable to its members, 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 these articles. No substantial part of the activities of the corporation shall be 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 any candidate or public office. Notwithstanding any other provisions 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 of 1954, (or the corresponding provisions of any future United States Internal Revenue Law) or (2) by a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under Section 70(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, (or the corresponding provisions of any future United States Internal Revenue Law).
    - b. Upon the dissolution of the corporation, the Board of Directors shall, after paying or making provision for the payment of all of the liabilities of the corporation, dispose of all of the assets of the corporation exclusively for the purposes of the corporation and in such a manner, or to such organization or organizations organized and operated exclusively for charitable, educational, religious, or scientific purposes as shall at the time qualify as an exempt organization or organizations under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law), as the Board of Directors shall determine. Any of such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by the District Court 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.

#### **ARTICLE IV**

This corporation is not organized for profit and shall have no capital stock or stockholders. The corporation by law may establish various classifications of members. It shall pay no dividends or pecuniary profits to its incorporators or members although it may confer benefits upon members in conformity with its purpose and the law.

#### **ARTICLE V**

Provisions for the regulation of the internal affairs of the corporation will be as set out in the Bylaws to be adopted by the corporation and as also set out in the preceding and following Articles of Incorporation, either as originally approved or as amended.

#### **ARTICLE VI**

The number of directors constituting the initial Board of Directors is five (5). The number of directors shall not be less than five (5) nor more than such larger number as shall be determined and established from time to time by the Bylaws. The foregoing Restated Articles of Incorporation correctly set forth without change the corresponding provisions of Articles of Incorporation as heretofore amended (except for the amendment to change the corporation's name as set forth in Article I above, and except for the change in the number of directors as specified in Article VI, which amendments were adopted contemporaneously with the adoption of these Restated Articles) and that these Restated Articles of Incorporation supersede the original Articles of Incorporation and all prior amendments thereto.

(Karen Retzlaff)  
President

(Thomas A. Wentz)  
Secretary

#### **STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA**

#### **COUNTY OF (Nelson)**

On this 17th day of August, 1979, before me a notary public in and for said county and state, personally appeared KAREN RETZLAFF known to me to be the President of the corporation that is described in and that executed the within instrument and acknowledged to me that such corporation executed the same.

Notary Public  
(Nelson) County, North Dakota

My commission expires: \_\_\_\_\_

**STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA**

**COUNTY OF WARD**

On this 20 day of August, 1979, before me a notary public in and for said county and state, personally appeared THOMAS A. WENTZ known to me to be the Secretary of the corporation that is described in and that executed the within instrument and acknowledged to me that such corporation executed the same.

Linda Overlee, Notary Public  
Ward County, North Dakota  
My commission expires: 5-16-84

Dated: 21 August, 1979  
Certificate No. 6035