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# ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION CALIFORNIA NONPROFIT PUBLIC BENEFIT CORPORATION

Article I

The name of this corporation is Hilltop Emergency Response Organization.

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### Article II

A. 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 purpose of this Corporation is to educate the public on disaster preparedness, to train and equip civilian volunteers on emergency response procedures, and through our all-volunteer workforce, attempt to provide emergency response services, without compensation, following a disaster when professional services are unreachable or unavailable in a timely manner, or to assist professional services if requested. Volunteers operate pursuant to and are protected by California Good Samaritan laws and the Federal Volunteer Protection Act.

The emergency response services in which this Corporation may engage include, but are not limited to:

- Command Center operation.
- Damage surveys.
- Hazard mitigation.
- Fire suppression and/or containment.
- Search and rescue, including forcing entry if it is determined that "a scene of an emergency" exists.
- Patient injury assessment and First Aid.
- Patient transport, including via motor vehicle if necessary.
- Other emergency preparedness and response activities deemed necessary for public safety.
- B. This Corporation is organized and operated exclusively for **educational and charitable** purposes within the meaning of Internal Revenue Code Section 501(c)(3).

#### Article III

The name and address in the State of California of this Corporation's initial agent for service of process is Bill Pope; 3277 Inglewood Boulevard; Los Angeles, CA 90066

#### Article IV

The initial street and mailing address of this Corporation is Hilltop Emergency Response Organization; 3277 Inglewood Boulevard; Los Angeles, CA 90066.

## Article V

A. No substantial part of the activities of this Corporation shall consist of carrying on propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and this Corporation shall not participate in 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.

B. Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles of incorporation, this Corporation shall not carry on any activities not permitted to be carried on (i) by a corporation exempt from federal income tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Code or (ii) by a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under Section 170(c)(2) of the Code.

## Article VI

- A. The property of this Corporation is irrevocably dedicated to **educational and charitable** purposes. No part of the net income or assets of this Corporation shall ever inure to the benefit of any of its directors or officers, or to the benefit of any private person, except that this Corporation is 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 II hereof.
- B. Upon the dissolution or winding up of this Corporation, its assets remaining after payment, 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 **educational and charitable** purposes and which has established its tax exempt status under Section 501(c)(3) of the Code.

Date: May 6, 2015

Bill Pope, Incorporator