# ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION of

# **Community Research Technology, Inc.**

We, the undersigned, being of full age, for the purpose of forming a non-profit corporation under chapter 317A of Minnesota statues as amended, do hereby form a body corporate and adopt these Articles of Incorporation.

#### **ARTICLE I NAME**

The name of this corporation shall be Community Research Technology, Inc. (CRT, Inc)

## **ARTICLE II REGISTERED OFFICE**

The Registered office of the corporation is 1435 10<sup>th</sup> South St., New Ulm, Minnesota, 56073. The name of the Registered Agent at said address is Herbert H. Schaper.

The Registered Office and the Registered Agent may be changed in the manner provided by law.

## **ARTICLE III PURPOSE**

The corporation is organized exclusively for charitable, religious, educational and for scientific purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, or such other provisions of Minnesota or Federal Law as may from time to time be applicable. This Corporation shall not be operated for profit but shall be operated exclusively for charitable and educational purposes.

Section 1. The specific purposes of this non-profit corporation is to encourage and assist the procurement of reference, educational and historical information so that it is available for technology-driven access to the general public. It will expand gathering and insure preservation of such material for the future generations of the community twenty-four hours a day and seven days a week.

Section 2. Specific strategic goals of the corporation will focus on such areas as to:

- (a) Develop broad private, public and commercial collaboration entities and individuals,
- (b) Enlist creative leadership and member participation including young people of the community,
- (c) Secure and implement technology to provide instant access from sports actualities at any location, (d) Create a sports historical organization to preserve the community's recorded and future athletic history, and (e) Encourage the establishment a public research and information media center.

# ARTICLE IV TAX EXEMPT IN COMPLIANCE WITH IRC SECTION 501(c)(3)

Notwithstanding any other provisions of these Articles of Incorporation, all of the work of this corporation shall be carried on, and all funds of this corporation, whether income or principal and whether acquired by gift, contribution or otherwise, shall be used and applied exclusively for religious, charitable or educational purposes directly or indirectly benefiting this corporation, and in such manner that no part of the net earnings of this corporation will in any event inure to the benefit of any Member that is not an organization described in Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, or any officer or Director of this corporation or any other corporation, organization, foundation, fund or institution, or any other individual. This corporation shall not engage, otherwise than as an insubstantial part of its total activities, in activities that in themselves are not in furtherance of one or more of the exempt purposes specified in Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, and regulations thereunder. No part

of the principal, assets or net income of this corporation shall in any event be paid or contributed to any other corporation, organization, foundation, fund, institution or governmental body, any substantial part of the activities of which consists of carrying on propaganda or otherwise attempting to influence legislation or which participates or intervenes in any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public offices nor shall this corporation itself engage in such activities in any way, directly or indirectly, except to the extent, if any, permitted by the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, and any regulations issued there under. No Member that is not an organization described in Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, or any officer of Director of this corporation or other private individual shall be entitled to share in the distribution of corporate assets on liquidation, dissolution or winding up of this corporation. However, nothing contained in these Articles shall be construed to prevent distribution of the properties of this corporation to another distributee, otherwise properly made in accordance with the provisions of these Articles and the purposes herein stated, solely by reason of the fact that one or more of the Members, Directors, or officers of this corporation may be connected or associated with the distributee as shareholder, member, director, officer or in any other capacity.

# **ARTICLE V INUREMENT OF INCOME**

This corporation does not and shall not afford pecuniary gain incidentally or other-wise to its Members (other than a Member that is a non-profit organization described in Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended) or any private individual.

#### **ARTICLE VI DURATION**

The duration of this corporation shall be perpetual.

#### **ARTICLE VII MEMBERSHIP**

Requirements for membership of this corporation shall be established by the By-Laws. Voting rights shall be established by the By-Laws of this corporation.

#### **ARTICLE VIII MEETINGS**

Annual, regular and special meetings of the membership and Board of Directors of the Corporation shall be held on such dates and at such times and places as prescribed in the By-Laws adopted by the membership.

#### ARTICLE IX OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

The management of this corporation shall be vested in a Board of Directors elected by the members and Officers as provided for in the By-Laws of this corporation.

#### **ARTICLE X OFFICERS**

The officers of the corporation shall consist of the following: President, Vice President, Executive Director, Recording Secretary, and Treasurer which shall comprise the Executive Committee. These officers and directors shall be elected annually. The duties and terms of office of the officers shall be prescribed in the By-Laws of the corporation.

## **ARTICLE XI QUORUM**

A quorum for the transaction of business at any annual, regular or special meeting of the corporation membership shall consist of seven members.

#### **ARTICLE XII**

#### LESS THAN UNNANIMOUS WRITTEN ACTION WITHOUT MEETING

Any action required or permitted to be taken at a meeting of the Board of Directors may be taken by written notice signed by the number of directors required to take the same action at a meeting of the Board of Directors at which all Directors were present. When written action is taken by less than all Directors, all Directors as provided in this Article, must be notified immediately of the text and effective date. Failure to provide such notice does not invalidate the written action.

#### ARTICLE XIII DISSOLUTION

In the event of liquidation, dissolution or winding up of this corporation, whether voluntary or involuntary, or by operation of law, except as and to the extent otherwise provided or required by law, the remaining property and assets of this corporation shall be distributed as provided in the Bylaws of this corporation, or in the absence of any such provision in the Bylaws, in such manner as the Board of Directors of this corporation, as constituted at the date of entry of the order allowing or directing the liquidation of this corporation's affairs, in their discretion shall by affirmative vote of a majority of the Directors determine to be best calculated to carry out the objects and purposes for which this corporation is formed; provided, however, that none of the property or assets of this corporation shall be distributed for purposes other than exclusively for religious, charitable or education purposes, within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, or such other provisions of Minnesota or Federal law as may from time to time be applicable.

#### **ARTICLE XIV PERSONAL LIABILITY**

No officer or member of this corporation shall have any personal liability for corporation obligations.

#### **ARTICLE XV AMENDMENT**

Amendments to Articles must be approved by a majority vote of the members attending an annual, regular or special meeting of the members duly called in which a quorum is present.

#### **ARTICLE XVI INCORPORATION**

We, the undersigned incorporators, certify that we are authorized to sign these articles and that the information in these articles is true and correct. We also understand that if any of this information is intentionally or knowingly misstated that criminal penalties will apply as if we had signed these articles under oath.

<u>Incorporators</u>	<u>Signatures</u>	
Herbert H. Schaper		
Incorporator's Name		
1435 10 <sup>th</sup> South St.	New Ulm, Minnesota 56073	Retired Business

James Aufderheide Incorporator's Name		
1 Point Lookout	New Ulm, Minnesota 56073	Retired Public School Tech Dir
Joel Albrecht Incorporator's Name 315 N Highland	New Ulm, Minnesota 56073	Mayor, New Ulm
Donald Brand Incorporator's Name 316 West St	New Ulm, Minnesota 56073	Retired Media
Elroy Ubl Incorporator's Name 510 S State Street	New Ulm, Minnesota 56073	Author, Historian
Carl L. Wyczawski Incorporator's Name 912 S Minnesota St.	New Ulm, Minnesota 56073	Mayor Emeritus