



OFFICE OF THE
PUBLIC REGULATION COMMISSION

CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION

OF

DARK RIDGE OBSERVATORY INC.

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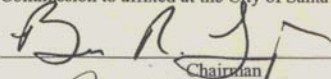
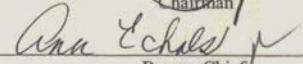
The Public Regulation Commission certifies that the Articles of Incorporation, duly signed and verified pursuant to the provisions of the
NONPROFIT CORPORATION ACT
(53-8-1 to 53-8-99 NMSA 1978)
have been received by it & are found to conform to law.

Accordingly, by virtue of the authority vested in it by law, the Public Regulation Commission issues this Certificate of Incorporation & attaches hereto, a duplicate of the Articles of Incorporation.

Dated: AUGUST 22, 2006

In testimony whereof, the Public Regulation of the State of New Mexico has caused this certificate to be signed by its Chairman and the seal of said Commission to be affixed at the City of Santa Fe.




Chairman

Bureau Chief

**Articles of Incorporation
of
Dark Ridge Observatory
A Non-Profit Corporation**



Pursuant to the provision of the Nonprofit Corporation Act of this state, the undersigned incorporators hereby adopt the following Articles of Incorporation:

Article One: The name of this corporation is Dark Ridge Observatory Inc.

Article Two: The period of duration of this corporation is perpetual.

Article Three: The purposes for which the corporation is organized are to conduct research in the field of Astronomy and to promote and encourage science education in schools and to the public, particularly in the area of Astronomy. To build and maintain an observatory for the use of amateur and/or professional astronomers and to undertake other projects, programs and activities not inconsistent with Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, as the need to do so presents itself in the opinion of the Board of Directors. This organization is organized and operated exclusively for scientific and educational purposes within the meaning of 501(c)(3).

Article Four:

(1.) The New Mexico street address of the corporations initial registered office is:
701 NM Hwy 24 Weed, NM 88354

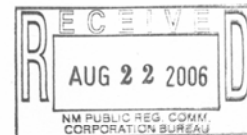
(2.) The name of the original registered agent at the registered office of this corporation is:
Donna J. Smith

Article Five: The number of initial directors of this corporation shall be 3 and the names and addresses of the initial directors are as follows:

NAME	ADDRESS
Thomas C. Smith	701 NM Hwy 24 Weed, NM 88354
Russell M. Genet	4995 Santa Margarita Lake Rd Santa Margarita, CA 93453
Donna J. Smith	701 NM Hwy 24 Weed, NM 88354

Article Six: The name(s) and address(s) of the incorporator(s) of this corporation is/are:

Thomas C. Smith	701 NM Hwy 24 Weed, NM 88354
Donna J. Smith	701 NM Hwy 24 Weed, NM 88354



Article Seven: The property of this corporation is irrevocably dedicated to scientific and educational purposes. Upon the dissolution or winding up of the 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 scientific and/or educational purposes and which has established its tax-exempt status under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

No substantial part of the activities of this corporation shall consist of carrying on propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation (except as otherwise provided by section 501(h) of the Internal Revenue Code), and this corporation shall not participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements), any political campaign on behalf of, or in opposition to, any candidate for public office.

No part of the net earnings of this corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributed to, its members, directors, officers, or other private persons, except that this 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.

Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, this 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 or (2) by a corporation contributions to which are deductible under Section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code.

The undersigned incorporators hereby declare under penalty of perjury that the statements made in the foregoing Articles of Incorporation are true.

Dated: 8/18/06



Donna J. Smutz
Signature of Incorporators