#### INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE P. O. BOX 2508 CINCINNATI, OH 45201

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AMERICAS FREEDOM CENTER FOUNDATION

750 N LINCOLN MEMORIAL DR STE 309 MILWAUKEE, WI 53202

Employer Identification Number:

39-1966646

DLN:

17053052801014

Contact Person:

STEPHEN D SEOK

ID# 31125

Contact Telephone Number:

(877) 829-5500

Public Charity Status:

170(b)(1)(A)(vi)

Dear Applicant:

Our letter dated September 1999, stated you would be exempt from Federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, and you would be treated as a public charity during an advance ruling period.

Based on our records and on the information you submitted, we are pleased to confirm that you are exempt under section 501(c)(3) of the Code, and you are classified as a public charity under the Code section listed in the heading of this letter.

Publication 557, Tax-Exempt Status for Your Organization, provides detailed information about your rights and responsibilities as an exempt organization. You may request a copy by calling the toll-free number for forms, (800) 829-3676. Information is also available on our Internet Web Site at www.irs.gov.

If you have general questions about exempt organizations, please call our toll-free number shown in the heading between 8:00 a.m. - 6:30 p.m. Eastern time.

Please keep this letter in your permanent records.

Sincerely yours,

Lois G. Lerner

Director, Exempt Organizations

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

ID# 31168

INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE DISTRICT DIRECTOR P. O. BOX 2508 CINCINNATI, OH 45201

Date: SEP 1 3 1999

America's Freedom Center Foundation, Inc.

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Employer Identification Number: 39-1966646

DLN:

17053222035049

Contact Person:

DAVID A DOEKER

Contact Telephone Number:

(877) 829-5500

Accounting Period Ending: December 31

Foundation Status Classification:

509(a)(1)

Advance Ruling Period Begins:

January 20, 1999

Advance Ruling Period Ends:

December 31, 2003

Addendum Applies:

No

Dear Applicant:

Based on information you supplied, and assuming your operations will be as stated in your application for recognition of exemption, we have determined you are exempt from federal income tax under section 501(a) of the Internal Revenue Code as an organization described in section 501(c)(3).

Because you are a newly created organization, we are not now making a final determination of your foundation status under section 509(a) of the Code. However, we have determined that you can reasonably expect to be a publicly supported organization described in sections 509(a)(1) and 170(b)(1)(A)(vi).

Accordingly, during an advance ruling period you will be treated as a publicly supported organization, and not as a private foundation. This advance ruling period begins and ends on the dates shown above.

Within 90 days after the end of your advance ruling period, you must send us the information needed to determine whether you have met the requirements of the applicable support test during the advance ruling period. If you establish that you have been a publicly supported organization, we will classify you as a section 509(a)(1) or 509(a)(2) organization as long as you continue to meet the requirements of the applicable support test. If you do not meet the public support requirements during the advance ruling period, we will classify you as a private foundation for future periods. Also, if we classify you as a private foundation, we will treat you as a private foundation from your beginning date for purposes of section 507(d) and 4940.

Grantors and contributors may rely on our determination that you are not a private foundation until 90 days after the end of your advance ruling period. If you send us the required information within the 90 days, grantors and contributors may continue to rely on the advance determination until we make a final determination of your foundation status.

If we publish a notice in the Internal Revenue Bulletin stating that we will no longer treat you as a publicly supported organization, grantors and contributors may not rely on this determination after the date we publish the notice. In addition, if you lose your status as a publicly supported organization, and a grantor or contributor was responsible for, or was aware of, the act or failure to act, that resulted in your loss of such status, that person may not rely on this determination from the date of the act or failure to act. Also, if a grantor or contributor learned that we had given notice that you would be removed from classification as a publicly supported organization, then that person may not rely on this determination as of the date he or she acquired such knowledge.

If you change your sources of support, your purposes, character, or method of operation, please let us know so we can consider the effect of the change on your exempt status and foundation status. If you amend your organizational document or bylaws, please send us a copy of the amended document or bylaws. Also, let us know all changes in your name or address.

As of January 1, 1984, you are liable for social security taxes under the Federal Insurance Contributions Act on amounts of \$100 or more you pay to each of your employees during a calendar year. You are not liable for the tax imposed under the Federal Unemployment Tax Act (FUTA).

Organizations that are not private foundations are not subject to the private foundation excise taxes under Chapter 42 of the Internal Revenue Code. However, you are not automatically exempt from other federal excise taxes. If you have any questions about excise, employment, or other federal taxes, please let us know.

Donors may deduct contributions to you as provided in section 170 of the Internal Revenue Code. Bequests, legacies, devises, transfers, or gifts to you or for your use are deductible for Federal estate and gift tax purposes if they meet the applicable provisions of sections 2055, 2106, and 2522 of the Code.

Donors may deduct contributions to you only to the extent that their contributions are gifts, with no consideration received. Ticket purchases and similar payments in conjunction with fundraising events may not necessarily qualify as deductible contributions, depending on the circumstances. Revenue Ruling 67-246, published in Cumulative Bulletin 1967-2, on page 104, gives guidelines regarding when taxpayers may deduct payments for admission to, or other participation in, fundraising activities for charity.

You are not required to file Form 990, Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax, if your gross receipts each year are normally \$25,000 or less. If you receive a Form 990 package in the mail, simply attach the label provided, check the box in the heading to indicate that your annual gross receipts are normally \$25,000 or less, and sign the return. Because you will be treated as a public charity for return filing purposes during your entire advance ruling period, you should file Form 990 for each year in your advance ruling period

that you exceed the \$25,000 filing threshold even if your sources of support do not satisfy the public support test specified in the heading of this letter.

If a return is required, it must be filed by the 15th day of the fifth month after the end of your annual accounting period. A penalty of \$20 a day is charged when a return is filed late, unless there is reasonable cause for the delay. However, the maximum penalty charged cannot exceed \$10,000 or 5 percent of your gross receipts for the year, whichever is less. For organizations with gross receipts exceeding \$1,000,000 in any year, the penalty is \$100 per day per return, unless there is reasonable cause for the delay. The maximum penalty for an organization with gross receipts exceeding \$1,000,000 shall not exceed \$50,000. This penalty may also be charged if a return is not complete. So, please be sure your return is complete before you file it.

You are not required to file federal income tax returns unless you are subject to the tax on unrelated business income under section 511 of the Code. If you are subject to this tax, you must file an income tax return on Form 990-T, Exempt Organization Business Income Tax Return. In this letter we are not determining whether any of your present or proposed activities are unrelated trade or business as defined in section 513 of the Code.

The law requires you to make your annual return available for public inspection without charge for three years after the due date of the return. You are also required to make available for public inspection a copy of your exemption application, any supporting documents and this exemption letter to any individual who requests such documents in person or in writing. You can charge only a reasonable fee for reproduction and actual postage costs for the copied materials. The law does not require you to provide copies of public inspection documents that are made widely available, such as by posting them on the Internet (World Wide Web). You may be liable for a penalty of \$20 a day for each day you do not make these documents available for public inspection (up to a maximum of \$10,000 in the case of an annual return).

You need an employer identification number even if you have no employees. If an employer identification number was not entered on your application, we will assign a number to you and advise you of it. Please use that number on all returns you file and in all correspondence with the Internal Revenue Service.

If we said in the heading of this letter that an addendum applies, the addendum enclosed is an integral part of this letter.

Because this letter could help us resolve any questions about your exempt status and foundation status, you should keep it in your permanent records.

We have sent a copy of this letter to your representative as indicated in your power of attorney.

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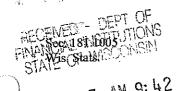
If you have any questions, please contact the person whose name and telephone number are shown in the heading of this letter.

Sincerely yours,

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District Director

Enclosure(s): Form 872-C



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# State of Wisconsin Department of Financial Institutions Division of Corporate and Consumer Services



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## ARTICLES OF AMENDMENT - NONSTOCK CORPORATION

A. The present corporate name (prior to any change effected by this amendment) is:  AMERICA'S FREEDOM CENTER, INC.
Text of Amendment (Refer to the existing articles of incorporation and the instructions on the reverse of this form. Determine those items to be changed and set forth the number identifying the paragraph being changed and how the amended paragraph is to read.)
RESOLVED, THAT the articles of incorporation be amended as follows:
that Article I of the articles of incorporation be amended in its
entirety to read as follows: "The name of the corporation is
America's Freedom Center Foundation, Inc."
B. Amendment(s) adopted on May 27, 2003
(Indicate the method of adoption by checking (X) the appropriate choice below.)  STATE OF WISCONSIN FILED
OR  In accordance with sec. 181.1002, Wis. Stats. (By the Board of Directors)  SEP 2 4 2003  DEPARTMENT 0
OR  In accordance with sec. 181.1004, Wis. Stats. (By Members voting by Class)
C. Approval by 3 <sup>rd</sup> Person (Contingency Statement)
Written approval for amending the articles of incorporation was obtained from the person whose approval is required by a provision of the articles of incorporation authorized under sec. 181.1030.
D. Executed on O8/21/03  Date)  Rober Coco (Signature)
Title: President Secretary Robert A. Cocroft
or other officer title (Printed name)
This document was drafted by
(Name the individual who drafted the document)
FILING FEE - \$25.00 See instructions, suggestions and procedures on following page

### ARTICLES OF AMENDMENT (Ch. 181, Nonstock)

Γ 750 North Lincoln Memorial Drive Suite 309 Milwaukee, WI 53202

▲ Your return address and phone number during the day: (414) 273 - 5533

### **INSTRUCTIONS** (Ref. sec. 181.1005 Wis. Stats. for document content)

Submit one original and one exact copy to Dept. of Financial Institutions, P O Box 7846, Madison WI, 53707-7846, together with a FILING-FEE of \$25.00, payable to the department. Filing fee is non-refundable. (If sent by Express or Priority U.S. mail, address to 345 W. Washington Ave., 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Madison WI, 53703). The original must include an original manual signature, per sec. 181.0120(2), Wis. Stats. NOTICE: This form may be used to accomplish a filing required or permitted by statute to be made with the department. Information requested may be used for secondary purposes. If you have any questions, please contact the Division of Corporate & Consumer Services at 608-261-7577. Hearing-impaired may call 608-266-8818 for TDY.

- A. Enter the name of the corporation (before any change effected by this amendment) and the text of the amendment(s). The text should recite the resolution adopted (e.g., "Resolved, that Article 1 of the articles of incorporation be amended to read: . . . . . . (set forth the amended article).
- B. Enter the date of adoption of the amendment(s). If there is more than one amendment, identify the date of adoption of each. Mark (X) one of the three choices to indicate the method of adoption of the amendment(s).

By Board of Directors – Refer to sec. 181.1002 for specific information on the character of amendments that may be adopted by the Board of Directors without the approval of members with voting rights.

By Members – Adoption by members requires 2/3<sup>rd</sup> of votes cast or a majority of the voting power, whichever is less, except as conditioned by the articles of incorporation, bylaws, ss. 181.1002(1), 181.1030 or other provisions of Ch. 181, Wis. Stats.

By Members thru Class Voting – Refer to sec. 181.1004 for specific information on class voting by members.

- C. Approval by Other Person Amendment of the articles of incorporation may require the approval of a person other than the board or members, if so specified in the articles of incorporation under sec. 181.1030.
- D. Enter the date of execution and the name and title of the person signing the document. The document must be signed by one of the following: An **officer** of the corporation (or incorporator if directors have not been elected), or a court-appointed receiver, trustee or fiduciary. A director is **not** empowered to sign.

If the document is executed in Wisconsin, sec. 182.01(3) provides that it shall not be filed unless the name of the person (individual) who drafted it is printed, typewritten or stamped thereon in a legible manner. If the document is not executed in Wisconsin, enter that remark.