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ARTICLE I: NAME, PURPOSE, STATEMENT OF FAITH

Section One

The name of the organization shall be Port Cities Home Educators (PCHE). We are a self-declared 501c7 social club.

Section Two

- **1.** To represent the homeschool community in a manner that honors Jesus Christ.
- **2.** To support families with home educating their children to train the next generation of Christian leaders and equip them for a life of service to their Savior, homes, churches, vocations, and communities.
- **3.** To keep the group informed of any pertinent homeschool current events such as seminars, conferences, and legal issues.
- **4.** To provide an atmosphere for exchange of teaching techniques and curriculum information.

5. To provide family socials, educational field trips, and group activities for our children.

Section Three

- **1.** We believe the Bible to be the infallible word of God, the supreme and final authority for all faith and life.
- **2.** We believe there is one God, eternally existent in three persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
- **3.** We believe in the deity of our Lord Jesus Christ, His virgin birth, His sinless life, His miracles, His vicarious and atoning death through his shed blood, His bodily resurrection, His ascension, and His imminent bodily return in power and glory.
- **4.** We believe man was created in the image of God but fell into sin and therefore is lost, and only those who put their faith in Jesus Christ alone can be saved.
- **5.** We believe that salvation is a free gift of God brought to man by grace and received by personal faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, whose substitutionary death on the cross paid the penalty for man's sin and that is all that is necessary to remove our sins and make us holy from God's point of view.
- **6.** We believe in the Genesis account of creation in which God created the world, animals, and mankind.
- 7. Statement on Marriage and Sexuality (Adapted from Alliance for Defending Freedom)

We believe that God wonderfully and immutably creates each person as male or female. These two distinct, complementary sexes together reflect the image and nature of God (Gen. 1:26-27). Rejection of one's biological sex is a rejection of the image of God within that person.

We believe that the term "marriage" has only one meaning: the uniting of one man and one woman in a single, exclusive union, as delineated in Scripture (Gen. 2:18-25). We believe that God intends sexual intimacy to occur only between a man and a woman who are married to each other (1 Cor. 6:18; 7:2-5; Heb. 13:4). We believe that God has commanded that no intimate sexual activity be engaged in outside of a marriage between a man and a woman.

We believe that any form of sexual immorality (including adultery, fornication, homosexual behavior, bisexual conduct, bestiality, incest, or use of pornography) is sinful and offensive to God (Matt. 15:18-20; 1 Cor. 6:9-10).

We believe that all human life is sacred and created by God in His image. Human life is of inestimable worth in all its dimensions, including pre-born babies, the aged, the physically or mentally challenged, and every other stage or condition from conception through natural death. We are therefore called to defend, protect, and value all human life. (Ps. 139.)

We believe that God offers redemption and restoration to all who confess and forsake their sin, seeking His mercy and forgiveness through Jesus Christ (Acts 3:19-21; Rom 10:9-10; 1 Cor 6:9-11).

We believe that every person must be afforded compassion, love, kindness, respect, and dignity (Mark 12:28-31; Luke 6:31). Hateful and harassing behavior or attitudes directed toward any individual are to be repudiated and are not in accord with Scripture nor the doctrines of PCHE.

8. The statement of faith does not exhaust the extent of our beliefs. The Bible itself, as the inspired and infallible Word of God that speaks with final authority concerning truth, morality, and the proper conduct of mankind, is the sole and final source of all that we believe. For purposes of PCHE's faith, doctrine, practice, policy, and discipline, our board of directors is PCHE's final interpretive authority on the Bible's application. (Adapted from Alliance for Defending Freedom)

ARTICLE II: BOARD & OFFICERS

Section One: Scope of Powers. The affairs, property and business of the corporation shall be managed

by the Board. In addition to the powers and authority expressly conferred on them by the Articles of Incorporation and these By-Laws, the Board may exercise all such powers of the Corporation and do such lawful acts as are not prohibited by law, the Articles of Incorporation or these bylaws.

The Board consists of officers which should include President, Vice-President, Treasurer, and Secretary. In addition, other officers may be elected as it shall deem desirable, such officer to have the authority and perform their duties prescribed, from time to time. Any two or more offices may be held by the same person, except that no person may hold both the office of President and Secretary.

Section Two: Number. The Board of Directors shall consist of not less than four (4) nor more than nine (9) members, as changed from time to time by the Board. If Directors are husband and wife, they shall count as one vote and one member.

Section Three: **Term**. The term of each Director of PCHE shall be three (3) years or until a successor Director has been elected or until her earlier resignation, death or removal.

Section Four: Election. The election of Directors for positions which terms have expired or will expire shall occur at the annual meeting of the Board of Directors or otherwise at a regular meeting of the Board, by unanimous vote of the existing Board of Directors for each position to be filled. Directors shall be eligible for reelection without limitation on the number of terms served.

Section Five: President of the Board. Such President shall preside at all meetings of the Board of Directors and shall appoint the members of all committees. The President shall be the principal officer of PCHE and shall, in general, supervise and control all of the business affairs of the corporation. She shall preside at all meetings of the members and of the Board. She may sign, with the Recording Secretary or any other proper officer of PCHE authorized by the Board of Directors, any deeds, mortgages, bonds, contracts or other instruments that the Board of Directors have authorized to be executed, except in cases where the signing and execution thereof, shall be expressly delegated by the Board of Directors, or by the bylaws, or by statute to some other officer or agent of the corporation. In general, she shall perform all duties incident to the office of the President. Further, the President shall assist in preparing annual budgets and additional budgets as needed with the approval of the Board and shall be authorized to incur expenses in accordance with the approved budget.

Section Six: Vice-President. The Vice-President, in the order named by the Board of Directors, shall perform the duties of the President in the event of her inability or refusal to act, and when selected, shall have all the powers of and subject to all the restrictions of the President. The Vice-President shall perform such other duties as from time to time may be assigned to him or her by the President or by the Board of Directors.

Section Seven: Secretary. The Secretary shall keep the minutes of the meetings of the members of the Board of Directors and/or the Officers in one or more books provided for that purpose; see that all notices are duly given in accordance with the provisions of these bylaws, and Articles of Incorporation, or as required by law; shall keep a register of the post office address of each member and in general shall perform all duties incident to the office of Recording Secretary and such other duties as from time to time may be assigned to him or her by the President or by the Board of Directors.

Section Eight: Treasurer. At all quarterly meetings, the Treasurer will report to the board the financial results and financial position of the corporation. The Treasurer will also present an annual budget to be voted upon by the directors.

Section Nine: Compensation. The Directors shall serve without salary but shall be reimbursed for designated expenses in accordance with PCHE expense reimbursement guidelines. Board members' annual dues are waived while they are actively serving.

Section Ten: **Regular Meetings**. The regular meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held as a minimum quarterly without notice at such time as the Board of Directors shall from time to time designate, and an annual meeting of the Board of Directors shall be held without notice before or within one month after the close of the corporation's yearly accounting period, all at such places as the Board of Directors shall from time to time designate.

Section Eleven: Special Meetings. Special meetings may be held if called by the President, Vice-President, or any two (2) Directors providing a minimum of seven (7) days have been given to notify all Directors. Special meetings of the Directors may be held at any place within the Lewis-Clark valley. Emergency meetings may be held without prior notice if the majority of the board is available/present. Section Twelve: Notice and Waiver of Notice. Written notice of the time and place of each meeting of the Directors shall be given to each director either by personal delivery or by e-mail, at least two (2) days before the date set for the meeting. Any Director may waive notice of the time and the place of the meeting of the Directors, either before or after the holding of the meeting. The waiver shall be in writing and filed with or entered upon the records of the meetings. Attendance of a Director at a meeting shall constitute a waiver of the notice of such meeting, and a waiver of any and all objections to the place of the meeting, or the manner in which it has been called or convened, except if a Director states, at the beginning of the meeting, any such objection to the transaction of business. The business to be transacted at, and the purpose of, any regular or special meeting of the Board of Directors need not be specified in the notice or waiver of notice of such meeting.

Section Thirteen: Quorum. At all meetings of the Board of Directors, the majority of the authorized number of Directors, but in any event not less than three (3) Directors, shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. In the absence of a quorum, a majority of the Directors present at any meeting may adjourn the meeting from time to time until a quorum is obtained.

Section Fourteen: Voting. The act of a majority of the Directors present at any given meeting at which there is a quorum shall be the act of the Board of Directors, except as may be otherwise specifically provided by law, the Articles of Incorporation or by these bylaws. If Directors are husband and wife, they shall count as one vote and one member. Members do not have the right to vote on any given matter unless the Board brings a specific vote to the members' attention in a timely manner.

Section Fifteen: Written Consent. Any action required or permitted to be taken at any meeting of the Board of Directors or of any committee thereof may be taken without a meeting if a written consent, setting forth the action so taken, is signed by all members of the Board of Directors or of such committee, as the case may be. Such written consent shall be filed with the minutes of the proceedings of the Board or committee.

Section Sixteen: Removal. The Board of Directors may declare the position of a Director vacant, and may remove such Director for cause, on the occurrence of any of the following events:

- 1. The Director has been declared of unsound mind by a filed order of the Court.
- 2. The Director has been convicted of a felony.
- 3. The Director has failed to communicate with the Board or attend any meetings for at least six months.

4. The Director has been presented with two or more written notices, has been given at least ten days notice of a hearing at which he may have legal counsel present, and has been given opportunity for such hearing at a meeting of the Board.

The Board of Directors may declare the position of a Director vacant, and may remove such Director without cause, by a vote of majority of the Board of Directors. Election or appointment of a Director shall not of itself create any contract rights.

Section Seventeen: Resignation. Any Director may resign by giving written notice to the President, Vice-President or the Recording Secretary. The resignation shall be effective on receipt, unless the notice specifies a later time for the effective date of such resignation, or if the corporation would be left without the minimum number of duly elected Directors in which event the resignation shall be effective upon the election of a successor. If the resignation is effective at a future time, a successor may be elected before that time to take office when the resignation becomes effective.

Section Eighteen: Vacancies. A vacancy on the Board of Directors shall exist on the death, resignation, or removal of any Directors; whenever the number of Directors authorized is increased; and on failure of the Directors to elect the full number of Directors authorized.

ARTICLE III: AMENDMENTS

Section One: Power to Amend: The regulations of PCHE may be amended, repealed, or added to, or any regulation may be adopted by an affirmative vote of a majority of officers present, if a quorum is present at a meeting duly called for this purpose according to the Articles of Incorporation or these Bylaws.

Section Two: Notice of Amendments to Members/Directors. Written notice shall not be less than ten (10) days before the meeting of the Directors called for the purpose of considering the proposed amendment, be given to each member-Director of record entitled to vote thereon. There shall be included in, or enclosed with, such notice a copy of the proposed amendment or a summary of the changes to be affected thereby.

Section Three: **Adoption of Amendments**. The proposed amendments shall be adopted upon receiving the affirmative vote of the members present entitled to cast at least a majority of the votes which all members present are entitled to cast thereof. Any number of amendments may be submitted to the Directors, and voted upon by them at one meeting.

Upon the adoption of an amendment by PCHE, as provided in this foregoing Article, such Articles of Amendments shall be executed under the seal of the corporation by two (2) duly authorized officers thereof, and shall set forth in specificity the following:

- 1. If the amendment is to be effective on a specified date, the hour if any, and the month, day and year of such effective date.
- 2. The manner in which the amendment was adopted by the corporation.
- 3. The amendment adopted by the corporation, which shall be set forth in full.

ARTICLE IV: MISCELLANEOUS

Section One: Required Books and Records. PCHE shall keep correct and complete books and records of accounts, and shall keep minutes of the proceedings of its meetings of the Board of

Directors, and Committees having any authority so delegated from the Board of Directors, and shall keep at its principal office a record, giving the name and address of the Directors entitled to vote. All books and records of the corporation may be inspected by any Director, her agent or attorney for any proper purpose, and at any reasonable time.

Section Two: **Financial Debt**. PCHE will not obtain a financial loan nor acquire debt to provide any benefit or program for the membership.

ARTICLE V: MERGER AND/OR DISSOLUTION

Section One: **Proposals**. Proposals for merger and consolidation shall be voted on according to the voting and quorum procedures set forth in the Bylaws of said corporation.

Section Two: Dissolution. Upon the dissolution of the corporation, the Board of Directors, shall, after paying or making provision for payment of all the liabilities of the corporation, dispose of all of the assets of the corporation to such organization or organizations organized and operated exclusively for tax exempt purposes as shall at the time qualify as an exempt organization or organizations under \$501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law), as the board of directors shall determine. Assets may be distributed only to organizations which agree with the PCHE's Statement of Faith.