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Articles of Incorporation

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Pursuant to KRS 14A and KRS 273, the undersigned hereby forms a nonprofit corporation and for that purpose sets forth the following:

Article I: The name of the corporation is

SHARON STEELE STEM2SUCCESS FOUNDATION INC.

Article II: The purpose for which the corporation is organized is **The purpose of this organization** includes, but is not limited to: provide academic and financial support to black STEM students through out their high school, undergraduate and graduate studies.

Article III: The name of the initial registered agent is

Northwest Registered Agent LLC

and the street address of the corporation's initial registered office in Kentucky is 212 N. 2nd St. STE 100, Richmond, KY 40475

Article IV: The mailing address of the corporation's principal office is

151 n eagle creek Dr Ste 320, Lexington, KY 40509

Article V: The number of directors constituting the initial board of directors is **3** The names and mailing addresses of the persons who are to serve as the initial board of directors are as follows:

sharon steele 212 N. 2nd St. STE 100, Richmond, KY 40475 sharon steele 212 N. 2nd St. STE 100, Richmond, KY 40475 sharon steele 212 N. 2nd St. STE 100, Richmond, KY 40475

Article VI: The name and mailing address of the incorporator is as follows:

Nat Smith 212 N. 2nd St. STE 100, Richmond, KY 40475

Article VII: Additional articles not inconsistent with law may be stated in the space below.

No part of the net earnings of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its members, trustees, officers, or other private persons, except that the 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. No substantial part of the activities of the corporation shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the 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. Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, this corporation shall not, except to an insubstantial degree, engage in any activities or exercise any powers that are not in furtherance of the purposes of this corporation.

Upon the dissolution of the corporation, assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or shall be distributed to the federal government, or to a state or local government, for a public purpose. Any such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by a court of competent jurisdiction of the county in which the principal office of the corporation is then located, exclusively for such purposes or to such organization or organizations, as said court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.

This application will be effective on Thursday, May 9, 2024

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the state of Kentucky that the foregoing is true and correct.

Nat Smith Authorized Signer 5/9/2024

I, **Taylor Newman**, consent to sign for **Northwest Registered Agent LLC** who serves as the Registered Agent on behalf of the corporation.

Taylor Newman Assistant Secretary 5/9/2024