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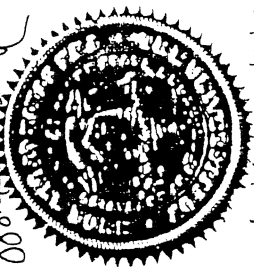
**The**

**Absolute Charter  
Greater Poughkeepsie Library District**

That the Board of Regents for and on behalf of the State of New York do hereby grant to the Greater Poughkeepsie Library District, to be located in Poughkeepsie, county of Dutchess, state of New York.

1. An absolute charter is granted incorporating Timothy Alfred, Joanne Poliska, Arthur E. Scott, Joanne Hinde, Fredrick Schmitt, Walter H. Steppacher, Arthur D. Smith, Martin Gross, Robert Sloniker, James R. Nelson and Virginia Kardon and their associates and successors in office as a free public library, in accordance with the vote establishing the same, under the corporate name of the Greater Poughkeepsie Library District, to be located in Poughkeepsie, county of Dutchess, state of New York.
2. The purpose for which this corporation is to be formed is to provide public library service to the residents of the Greater Poughkeepsie Library District as established by Chapter 324, Laws of 1987.
3. The library shall be administered by a board of not fewer than 5 nor more than 11 trustees, the current number to be at first the 11 persons whose names are named herein as incorporators, whose terms were fixed by the persons making the appointments so that such terms of said trustees, in the order in which they are named hereinafter, shall expire on December 31, three in 1989, two in 1990, two in 1991, two in 1992, and two in 1993. Thereafter, as such terms expire, five of their successors shall be appointed by the Mayor of the city of Poughkeepsie and six of the trustees shall be appointed by the supervisor of the town of Poughkeepsie. Effective with the fiscal year of nineteen hundred ninety, the trustees appointed by the Mayor of the city of Poughkeepsie shall be reduced to four and the number of trustees appointed by the town supervisor shall be increased to seven. Vacancies due to cause other than expiration of term shall be filled until the next appointments by the library board of trustees.
4. The corporation hereby created shall be a nonprofit corporation organized and operated exclusively for educational purposes, and no part of its earnings or net income shall inure to the benefit of any individual; and no officer, member, or employee of the corporation shall receive or be entitled to receive any pecuniary profit from the operation thereof, except reasonable compensation for services.
5. Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles the corporation shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by a corporation exempt from Federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law) or (b) by a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under section 170(e)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law).
6. No substantial part of the activities of the corporation shall be devoted to carrying on propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, (except to the extent authorized by Internal Revenue Code section 501(h) as amended), or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law, during any fiscal year or years in which the corporation has chosen to utilize the benefits authorized by the abating provisions) and the corporation shall not participate in or intervene (including the publishing or distribution of statements) in any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office.
7. Upon dissolution of the corporation, the board of trustees shall, after paying or making provision for the payment of all the liabilities of the corporation, dispose of the remaining assets of the corporation exclusively for one or more exempt purposes, within the meaning of section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (or the corresponding provision of any future Federal tax code), or shall distribute the same 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 order of the Supreme Court of the State of New York in the judicial district where the principal office of the corporation is then located, exclusively for such purposes, or to such organization or organizations, organized and operated exclusively for such purposes, as said Court shall determine.
8. The principal office of the corporation is to be located at Poughkeepsie, county of Dutchess, state of New York.
9. The Commissioner of Education is designated as the representative of the corporation upon whom process in any action or proceeding against it may be served.

*Granted, June 16, 1989, by the Board of Regents  
of The University of the State of New York,  
for and on behalf of the State  
Education Department, and executed  
under the seal of said University and  
recorded as Number 20,449.*



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