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## ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

For use by DOMESTIC NONPROFIT CORPORATION

*Pursuant to the provisions of Act 162, Public Acts of 1982, the undersigned corporation executes the following Articles:*

### ARTICLE I

The name of the corporation is:

PESTO ACADEMY

### ARTICLE II

The purpose or purposes for which the corporation is formed are:

To create economic and personal growth through innovative and inclusive learning experiences. Specifically:

- creating a coalition of employers and educators working to create an IT talent pipeline with an initial focus on software development. This effort is the next iteration of a similar non-profit program, tccodes.org, initiated in Traverse City using Michigan LEO MICA grant funding. An example is the work with CharEm ISD to create IT programming for local CTE students. There are currently no options to learn IT skills at CharEm, and the group is investigating options including early college programming linked to North Central Michigan College as well as Youth Apprenticeship.
- Using its proof-of-concept service is well established with immediate approval of a STEM Registered Apprenticeship Program from the Department of Labor. Seven software developer apprentices are enrolled and managed through its local Michigan Works! office. This is an earn-while-you-learn model with Related Technical Instruction provided by the Pesto Academy to the apprentices at no cost. This STEM Apprenticeship is the first in the region and one of a select few in the State of Michigan.
- Supporting young learners by providing coaching to early Lego League Robotics program.
- Partnering with Cisco Network Academy to deliver basic computer skills and cybersecurity training to the Petoskey community at no cost, supporting Michigan's Digital Inclusion goals.

The Corporation is organized exclusively for the purpose of receiving and administering funds for the purposes set forth in Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue law) (the "Code"), in particular for the making of distributions to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations under Section 501(c)(3) of the Code.

The Corporation, including all activities incident to its purpose, shall at all times be conducted so as to be an organization described in Section 501(c)(3) of the Code. 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 contributions to which are deductible under Section 170(c)(2) of the Code, or (c) by a nonprofit corporation organized under the laws of the State of Michigan pursuant to the provisions of Act 162, Public Acts of 1982, as amended.

No part of the assets or net earnings of the Corporation shall inure to the benefit of or be distributable to its directors, 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 the Articles.

Upon dissolution of this Corporation assets shall be distributed for one or more except purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Code, i.e. charitable, educational, religious or scientific, or corresponding section of any future Federal tax code, or shall be distributed to the Federal government, or to a state or local government for public purpose.

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 if (including the publishing or distributing of statements) any political campaign on behalf of (or in opposition to) any candidate for public office.

### ARTICLE III

The Corporation is formed upon  basis.

If formed on a stock basis, the total number of shares the corporation has authority to issue is

If formed on a nonstock basis, the description and value of its real property assets are (if none, insert "none"):

None

The description and value of its personal property assets are (if none, insert "none"):

None

The corporation is to be financed under the following general plan:

Donations and fees for service from participating companies.

The Corporation is formed on a 

Directorship

 basis.

ARTICLE IV

The street address of the registered office of the corporation and the name of the resident agent at the registered office (P.O. Boxes are not acceptable):

1. Agent Name:

AMANDA AFTON MARTIN
2. Street Address:

28411 NORTHWESTERN HIGHWAY

Apt/Suite/Other:

STE. 500

City:

SOUTHFIELD

State:

MI

Zip Code:

48034

3. Registered Office Mailing Address:

P.O. Box or Street Address:

Apt/Suite/Other:

City:

State:

Zip Code:

ARTICLE V

The name(s) and address(es) of the incorporator(s) is (are) as follows:

Name	Residence or Business Address
JESSE RALEIGH	417 HOWARD STREET, PETOSKEY, MI 49770 USA
JOE KORZENIEWSKI	1281 MEADOW WOOD DR., MANISTEE, MI 49660 USA
KEITH E. KELLY	1387 E RIVER RD., TRAVERSE CITY, MI 49696 USA
NICK PEARISO	1486 CLOVERLY CT NW, GRAND RAPIDS, MI 49544 USA

Signed this 26th Day of September, 2023 by the incorporator(s).

Signature	Title	Title if "Other" was selected
JOE KORZENIEWSKI	Incorporator	

By selecting ACCEPT, I hereby acknowledge that this electronic document is being signed in accordance with the Act. I further certify that to the best of my knowledge the information provided is true, accurate, and in compliance with the Act.

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Decline

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Accept

***MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF LICENSING AND REGULATORY AFFAIRS***  
***FILING ENDORSEMENT***

***This is to Certify that the*** ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

***for***

PESTO ACADEMY

***ID Number:*** 803095300

***received by electronic transmission on*** September 26, 2023 , ***is hereby endorsed.***

***Filed on*** September 27, 2023 ***by the Administrator.***

***The document is effective on the date filed, unless a subsequent effective date within 90 days after received date is stated in the document.***



***In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Seal of the Department, in the City of Lansing, this 27th day of September, 2023.***

*Linda Clegg*

***Linda Clegg, Director***

***Corporations, Securities & Commercial Licensing Bureau***