BY LAWS of JOHN MILTON MANOR CORPORATION

ARTICLE I ORGANIZATION AND PURPOSE

Section 1. <u>Name</u>. The name of this organization is John Milton Manor Corporation.

Section 2. Location. The principal office of this corporation shall be in the City of Arcadia, County of Los Angeles, California. The Board of Directors (the Board) may change the location of the principal office from time to time.

Section 3. <u>Mission Statement</u>. The mission of John Milton Manor Corporation is to promote the general welfare of blind or visually impaired individuals and families by providing housing assistance which enables them to live independently.

ARTICLE II MEMBERSHIP

This corporation shall have no voting members, but the Board of Directors may, by resolution, establish one or more classes of nonvoting members and provide for eligibility requirements for membership and rights and duties of members, including the obligation to pay dues.

ARTICLE III BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 1. <u>Powers</u>. This Corporation shall have powers to the full extent allowed by law. All powers and activities of this corporation shall be exercised and managed by the Board of Directors of this corporation directly or, if delegated, under the ultimate direction of the Board.

Section 2. <u>Number of Directors</u>. The number of directors shall be not less than FIVE nor more than THIRTY-ONE, with the exact number of authorized directors to be fixed from time to time by resolution of the Board of Directors.

Section 3. <u>Limitations on Beneficiaries and Interested Persons</u>. At all times, no directors of this corporation may be a direct beneficiary of the charitable services of the corporation. Additionally, not more than 40% of the directors of this corporation may be interested persons. An interested person means either:

(a) any person currently being compensated by this corporation for services rendered to it within the previous twelve months, whether as a full-time or part-time employee, independent contractor, or otherwise, excluding any reasonable reimbursement of expenses paid to a director in his or her capacity as director; or

(b) any brother, sister, ancestor, descendant, spouse, brother-in-law, sister-in-law, son-in-law, daughter-in-law, mother-in-law, or father-in-law of any such interested person or of a direct beneficiary of the charitable services of the corporation.

At no time will an Interested Person be permitted to be elected to an Officer position on the Board.

Section 4. <u>Election and Term of Directors</u>. Each director shall be elected for a term of five years until a successor has been elected, provided that the Executive Director shall automatically become a director by virtue of that office and provided also that the running of the term of director shall be suspended for all officers during the time served as an officer. Directors may be re-elected to successive terms, provided that after serving two full consecutive terms or ten years, whichever is less, a director shall not be eligible for re-election until he or she has been off the Board for one year.

A. <u>Staggered Terms</u>. One-fifth of the total authorized number of directors shall be elected in each year. If the total authorized number of directors at any time shall not be evenly divisible by three so that a different number of directors must be elected in certain years, the Board of Directors shall make its best effort to equalize the number of director terms expiring in each year. B. <u>Term Endings</u>. The term of office of each director shall end on December 31 of the applicable year.

Section 5. <u>Vacancies</u>. A vacancy shall be deemed to exist on the Board if the actual number of directors is less than the authorized number for any reason. Vacancies may be filled by the remaining directors for the unexpired portion of the term.

Section 6. <u>Resignation and Removal</u>. Resignations shall be effective upon receipt in writing by the Chair, the Executive Director, the Secretary, or the Board of Directors of this corporation, unless a later effective date is specified in the resignation. Any director who does not attend at least a majority of regularly scheduled Board meetings during each year of his or her term in office may be asked, at the discretion of the Board, to resign as a director. A majority of the directors then in office may remove any director at any time, with or without cause.

Section 7. <u>Annual Meetings</u> A meeting of the Board of Directors shall be held at least once a year. Annual meetings shall be called by the Chair, the Executive Director, or any two directors, and noticed in accordance with Section 9.

Section 8. <u>Special Meetings</u>. Special meetings of the Board of Directors may be called by the Chair, the Executive Director, or any two directors, and noticed in accordance with Section 9.

Section 9. <u>Notice</u>. Notice of the annual meeting and any special meetings of the Board of Directors shall be given to each director at least four days before any such meeting if given by first-class mail or forty-eight hours before any such meeting if given personally or by telephone, telegraph, facsimile, or electronic transmission, and shall state the date, place, and time of the meeting.

Section 10. <u>Waiver of Notice</u>. The transactions of any meeting of the Board of Directors, however called and noticed and wherever held, shall be valid as though taken at a meeting duly held after proper call and notice, if a quorum is present, and if, either before or after the meeting, each of the directors not present signs a written waiver of notice, a consent to holding the meeting, or an approval of the minutes. The waiver of notice or consent need not specify the purpose of the meeting. All waivers, consents and approvals shall be filed with the corporate records or made a part of the minutes of the

meeting. Notice of a meeting shall also be deemed given to any director who attends the meeting without protesting the lack of adequate notice before the meeting or at its commencement.

Section 11. <u>Quorum</u>. One-third of the total number of directors then in office shall constitute a quorum, provided that in no event shall the required quorum be less than one-fifth of the authorized number of directors or two directors, whichever is larger. The act of a majority of the directors present at a meeting at which a quorum is present shall be the act of the Board of Directors, except as otherwise provided in Article III, Sections 6 and 12; Article IV, Section 1; Article VI, Section 3; Article VII, Section 2; and Article VIII, Section 4, of these Bylaws or in the California Nonprofit Public Benefit Corporation Law. A meeting at which a quorum is initially present may continue to transact business notwithstanding the withdrawal of directors, if any action taken is approved by at least a majority of the required quorum for such meeting. Directors may not vote by proxy.

Section 12. <u>Action Without Meeting</u>. Any action required or permitted to be taken by the Board may be taken without a meeting if all members of the Board shall individually or collectively consent to such action. Such written consents shall be filed with the minutes of the proceedings of the Board. Such written consents shall have the same force and effect as the unanimous vote of such directors.

Section 13. <u>Telephone, Email, and Video Meetings</u>. Directors may participate in a meeting through use of conference telephone, electronic video screen communication, email, or other electronic transmission in compliance with Article VIII, Section 5 of these Bylaws so long as all the following apply:

(a) Each director participating in the meeting can communicate with all the other directors at the meeting concurrently or serially, and

(b) Each director is provided with the means of participating in all matters before the Board, including the capacity to propose or to interpose an objection to, a specific action to be taken by the corporation.

Participation in a meeting pursuant to this Section constitutes presence in person at such meeting.

Section 14. Standard of Care.

A. <u>General</u>. A director shall perform the duties of a director, including duties as a member of any Board Committee on which the director may serve, in good faith, in a manner the director believes to be in the best interest of this corporation and with such care, including reasonable inquiry, as an ordinarily prudent person in a like situation would use under similar circumstances.

In performing the duties of a director, a director shall be entitled to rely on information, opinions, reports, or statements, including financial statements and other financial data, in each case prepared or presented by:

- One or more officers or employees of this corporation whom the director believes to be dependable and competent as to the matters presented.
- (ii) Counsel, independent accountants, or other persons as to matters which the director believes to be within such person's professional or expert competence; or
- (iii) A Board Committee upon which the director does not serve, as to matters within its designated authority, provided that the director believes such Committee merits confidence.

so long as in any such case, the director acts in good faith after reasonable inquiry when the need therefor is indicated by the circumstances and without knowledge that would cause such reliance to be unwarranted.

Except as provided in Article VI below, a person who performs the duties of a director in accordance with this Section shall have no liability based upon any failure or alleged failure to discharge that person's obligations as a director, including, without limiting the generality of the foregoing, any actions or omissions which exceed or defeat a public or charitable purpose to which a corporation, or assets held by it, are dedicated.

B. <u>Investments</u>. Except with respect to assets held for use or used directly in conducting this corporation's charitable activities, in investing, reinvesting, purchasing, or acquiring, exchanging, selling, and managing this corporation's investments, the Board shall avoid speculation, looking instead to the permanent disposition of the funds, considering the probable income as well as the probable safety of this corporation's capital.

No investment violates this Section where it conforms to provisions authorizing such investment contained in an instrument or agreement pursuant to which the assets were contributed to this corporation.

Section 15. <u>Inspection</u>. Every director shall have the absolute right at any reasonable time to inspect and copy all books, records, and documents, and to inspect the physical properties of this corporation.

Section 16. <u>Compensation</u>. Membership to the Board of Directors is a voluntary service. However, the Board of Directors may authorize, by special resolution, the payment to any director of a reasonable fee for services "above and beyond what an ordinarily prudent person in a like situation would offer under similar circumstances." Additionally, the President of the Board may authorize the reimbursement of appropriate expenses incurred as a director of the Board or a Board Committee.

Section 17. <u>Executive Compensation Review</u>. The Board of Directors (or a Board Committee) shall review any compensation package (including all benefits) of the Executive Director as a separate position from the President of the Board at such time as the Board agrees said offer of employment is sustainable and shall approve compensation only after determining that the compensation is just and reasonable. This review and approval shall occur when such officer is hired, when the term of employment of such officer is renewed or extended, and when the compensation of such officer is modified, unless the modification applies to substantially all the employees of this corporation.

ARTICLE IV COMMITTEES

Section 1. Board Committees. The Board of Directors may, by resolution adopted by a majority of the directors then in office, create any number of Board Committees, each consisting of two or more Directors, to serve at the pleasure of the Board. Appointments to any Board Committee shall be made by any method determined by a majority vote of the directors then in office. Board Committees may be given all the authority of the Board, except for the powers to:

- a. set the number of directors within a range specified in these Bylaws.
- b. elect directors or remove directors without cause.
- c. fill vacancies on the Board of Directors or on any Board Committee.

- d. fix compensation of directors for serving on the Board or any Board Committee.
- e. amend or repeal these Bylaws or adopt new Bylaws.
- f. adopt amendments to the Articles of Incorporation of this corporation.
- g. amend or repeal any resolution of the Board of Directors which by its express terms is not so amendable or repeal able.
- h. create any other Board Committees or appoint the members of any Board Committees; or
- i. approve any merger, reorganization, voluntary dissolution, or disposition of substantially all the assets of this corporation.

Where it is not reasonably practicable to obtain approval of the Board before entering into a self-dealing transaction, a Board Committee may approve such transaction in a manner consistent with the requirements of Section 3 of Article VI of these Bylaws; provided that, at its next meeting, the full Board determines in good faith that the Board Committee's approval of the transaction was consistent with the requirements in Section 3 of Article VI and that it was not reasonably practical to obtain advance approval by the full Board, and ratifies the transaction by a majority of the directors then in office without the vote of any interested director.

Section 2. <u>Advisory Committees</u>. The Board of Directors may establish one or more Advisory Committees to the Board. The members of any Advisory Committee may consist of directors or non-directors and may be appointed as the Board determines. Advisory committees may not exercise the authority of the Board to make decisions on behalf of this corporation but shall be restricted to making recommendations to the Board or Board Committees and implementing Board or Board Committee decisions and policies under the supervision and control of the Board or Board Committee.

Section 3. <u>Meetings</u>.

A. <u>Of Board Committees</u>. Meetings and actions of Board Committees shall be governed by and held and taken in accordance with the provisions of Article III of these Bylaws concerning meetings and actions of the Board of Directors, with such changes in the content of those Bylaws as are necessary to substitute the Board Committee and its members for the Board of Directors and its members. Minutes shall be kept of each meeting of any Board Committee and shall be filed with the corporate records. B. <u>Of Advisory Committees</u>. Advisory Committees shall determine their own meeting rules and whether minutes shall be kept.

The Board of Directors may adopt rules for the governance of any Board or Audit Committee not inconsistent with the provisions of these Bylaws.

Section 4. <u>Audit Committee</u>. For any tax year in which this corporation has gross revenues of \$2 million or more, this corporation shall have an Audit Committee whose members shall be appointed by the Board of Directors, and who may include both directors and non-directors, subject to the following limitations: (a) a majority of the members of the Audit Committee may not consist of members of the Finance Committee, if any; (b) the chair of the Audit Committee may not be a member of the Finance Committee, if any; (c) the Audit Committee may not include any member of the staff, or the Executive Director or Treasurer; (d) the Audit Committee may not include any person who has a material financial interest in any entity doing business with this corporation; and (e) Audit Committee members who are not directors may not receive compensation greater than the compensation paid to directors for their Board service.

If the Audit Committee is composed and appointed as required by Section 1 above (concerning Board Committees), it shall be deemed a Board Committee on which the other directors are entitled to rely as provided in Article III, Section 14 of these Bylaws; otherwise, the Board of Directors shall remain responsible for oversight and supervision of the Audit Committee as an Advisory Committee

The Audit Committee shall: (1) recommend to the Board of Directors the retention and, when appropriate, the termination of an independent certified public accountant to serve as auditor, (2) negotiate the compensation of the auditor on behalf of the Board, (3) confer with the auditor to satisfy the Audit Committee members that the financial affairs of this corporation are in order, (4) review and determine whether to accept the audit, and (5) approve performance of any non-audit services provided to this corporation by the auditor's firm.

ARTICLE V OFFICERS

Section 1. <u>Officers</u>. The officers of this corporation shall be a President of the Board, a Vice President of the Board, a Secretary, and a Treasurer. The corporation may also have at the discretion of the directors, such other officers as may be appointed by the Board of Directors. The same person may hold any number of offices, except that neither the Secretary nor the Treasurer may serve concurrently as the Executive Director, if any. Other than the Executive Director, all officers shall be elected from among the directors of the corporation.

Section 2. <u>Election</u>. The officers of this corporation shall be elected every two (2) years by the Board of Directors, and each shall serve at the pleasure of the Board, subject to the rights, if any, of an officer under any contract of employment.

Section 3. <u>Removal</u>. Subject to the rights, if any, of an officer under any contract of employment, any officer may be removed, with or without cause, by the Board of Directors or by an officer on whom such power of removal may be conferred by the Board of Directors

Section 4. <u>Resignation</u>. Any officer may resign at any time by giving written notice to the Chair, the Executive Director, or the Secretary of this corporation. Any resignation shall take effect on receipt of that notice by such officer or at any later time specified by that notice and, unless otherwise specified in that notice, the acceptance of the resignation shall not be necessary to make it effective. Any resignation is without prejudice to the rights, if any, of this corporation under any contract to which the officer is a party.

Section 5. <u>Vacancies</u>. A vacancy in any office for any reason shall be filled in the same manner as these Bylaws provide for election to that office.

Section 6. <u>President of the Board</u>. The President shall preside as Chair at all meetings of the Board of Directors. Additionally, until such time as the Board of Directors deems the offer of employment is sustainable for an Executive Director as a separate position from the President of the Board, the President will also function as the Executive Director of the corporation. The President shall have such other powers and duties as may be prescribed by the Board or these Bylaws.

Section 7. <u>Vice President of the Board</u>. The Vice President shall, in the absence of the President, perform the duties of the President and shall have such other powers and duties as may be prescribed by the Board or these Bylaws.

Section 8. <u>Executive Director</u>. The Executive Director shall, subject to control of the Board, supervise, direct, and control the business and other employees of this corporation. The Executive Director shall have the general powers and duties of management usually vested in the office of Executive Director of the corporation and shall have such other powers and duties as may be prescribed by the Board or these Bylaws. The Executive Directors, with full rights and privileges.

Section 9. <u>Secretary</u>. The Secretary shall supervise the keeping of a full and complete record of the proceedings of the Board of Directors and its committees, shall supervise the giving of such notices as may be proper or necessary, shall supervise the keeping of the minute books of this corporation, and shall have such other powers and duties as may be prescribed by the Board or these Bylaws.

Section 10. <u>Treasurer</u>. The Treasurer shall be the chief financial officer of this corporation, shall supervise the charge and custody of all funds of this corporation, the deposit of such funds in the manner prescribed by the Board of Directors, and the keeping and maintaining of adequate and correct accounts of this corporation's properties and business transactions, shall render reports and accountings as required, and shall have such other powers and duties as may be prescribed by the Board or these Bylaws.

ARTICLE VI PROHIBITED TRANSACTIONS

Section 1. <u>Loans</u>. Except as permitted by Section 5236 of the California Nonprofit Public Benefit Corporation Law, this corporation shall not make any loan of money or property to, or guarantee the obligation of, any director or officer; provided however, that this corporation may advance money to a director or officer of this Corporation or any subsidiary for expenses reasonably anticipated to be incurred in performance of the duties of such director or officer so long as such individual would be entitled to be reimbursed for such expenses absent that advance.

Section 2. <u>Self-Dealing Transactions</u>. Except as provided in Section 3 below, the Board of Directors shall not approve, or permit the corporation to engage in, any self-dealing transaction. A self-dealing transaction is a transaction to which this corporation is a party and in which one or more of its directors has a material financial interest, unless the transaction comes within California Corporations Code Section 5233(b).

Section 3. <u>Approval</u>. This corporation may engage in a self-dealing transaction if the transaction is approved by a court or by the Attorney General. This corporation may also engage in a self-dealing transaction if the Board determines, before the transaction, that (a) this corporation is entering into the transaction for its own benefit; (b) the transaction is fair and reasonable to this corporation at the time; and (c) after reasonable investigation, the Board determines that it could not have obtained a more advantageous arrangement with reasonable effort under the circumstances. Such determinations must be made by the Board in good faith, with knowledge of the material facts concerning the transaction and the director's interest in the transaction, and by a vote of a majority of the directors then in office, without counting the vote of the interested director or directors.

ARTICLE VII INDEMNIFICATION AND INSURANCE

Section 1. <u>Right of Indemnity</u>. To the fullest extent allowed by Section 5238 of the California Nonprofit Public Benefit Corporation Law, this corporation shall indemnify and advance expenses to its agents, in connection with •any proceeding, and in accordance with Section 5238. For purposes of this Article, "agent" shall have the same meaning as in Section 5238(a), including directors, officers, employees, other agents, and persons formerly occupying such positions; "proceeding" shall have the same meaning as in Section 5238(a), including any threatened action or investigation under Section 5233 or brought by the Attorney General; and "expenses" shall have the same meaning as in Section 5238(a), including reasonable attorneys' fees. Section 2. <u>Approval of Indemnity</u>. On written request to the Board of Directors in each specific case by any agent seeking indemnification, to the extent that the agent has been successful on the merits, the Board shall promptly authorize indemnification in accordance with Section 5238(d). Otherwise, the Board shall promptly determine, by a majority vote of a quorum consisting of directors who are not parties to the proceeding, whether, in the specific case, the agent has met the applicable standard of conduct stated in Section 5238(b) or Section 5238(c), and, if so, shall authorize indemnification to the extent permitted thereby .

Section 3. <u>Advancing Expenses</u>. To the fullest extent allowed by Section 5238 of the California Nonprofit Public Benefit Corporation Law, and except as otherwise determined by the Board of Directors in specific instances, the Board shall authorize the advance of expenses incurred by or on behalf of an agent of this corporation in defending any proceeding prior to final disposition, if the Board finds that:

- a. the requested advances are reasonable in amount under the circumstances; and
- b. before any advance is made, the agent will submit a written undertaking satisfactory to the Board to repay the advance unless it is determined that the agent is entitled to indemnification for the expenses under this Article.

Unless the Board finds compelling reasons to do otherwise, the undertaking shall be unsecured, and no interest shall be charged on the obligation created thereby.

Section 4. <u>Insurance</u>. The Board of Directors shall obtain and keep in force a directors' and officers' liability policy protecting against any liability asserted against or incurred by the agent in such capacity or arising out of the agent's status as such, and such insurance may provide for coverage against liabilities beyond this corporation's power to indemnify the agent under law.

ARTICLE VIII MISCELLANEOUS

Section 1. <u>Fiscal Year</u>. The fiscal year of this corporation shall end each year on December 31.

Section 2. <u>Contracts, Notes, and Checks</u>. All contracts entered into on behalf of this corporation must be authorized by the Board of Directors or the person or persons on whom such power may be conferred by the Board from time to time, and except as otherwise provided by law, every check, draft, promissory note, money order, or other evidence of indebtedness of this corporation shall be signed by the person or persons on whom such power may be conferred by the Board from time to time.

Section 3. <u>Annual Reports to Directors</u>. Within 120 days after the end of this corporation's fiscal year, the Executive Director shall furnish a written report to all directors of this corporation containing the following information:

- (a) the assets and liabilities, including the trust funds of this corporation, as of the end of the fiscal year.
- (b) the principal changes in assets and liabilities, including trust funds, during the fiscal year.
- (c) the revenue or receipts of this corporation, both unrestricted and restricted for particular purposes, for the fiscal year.
- (d) the expenses or disbursements of this corporation, for both general and restricted purposes, for the fiscal year; and
- (e) any transaction during the previous fiscal year involving \$50,000.00 or more between this corporation (or its parent or subsidiaries, if any) and any of its directors or officers (or the directors or officers of its parent or subsidiaries, if any) or any holder of more than ten percent of the voting power of this corporation or its parent or subsidiaries, if. any, and the amount and circumstances of any indemnifications or advances aggregating more than \$10,000.00 paid during the fiscal year to any director or officer of this corporation. For each transaction, the report must disclose the names of the interested persons involved in such transaction, stating such person's relationship to this corporation, the nature of such person's interest in the transaction and, where practicable, the value of such interest.

The foregoing report shall be accompanied by any report thereon of independent accountants or, if there is no such report, the certificate of an

authorized officer of this corporation that such statements were prepared without an audit from the books and records of this corporation.

Section 4. <u>Required Financial Audits</u>. This corporation shall obtain a financial audit for any tax year in which it receives or accrues gross revenue of \$2 million or more, excluding grant or contract income from any governmental entity for which the governmental entity requires an accounting. Whether or not they are required by law, any audited financial statements obtained by this corporation shall be made available for inspection by the Attorney General and the general public within nine months after the close of the fiscal year to which the statements relate, and shall remain available for three years

(1) by making them available at this corporation's principal, regional, and district offices during regular business hours and

(2) either by mailing a copy to any person who so requests in person or in writing or by posting them on this corporation's website.

Section 5. <u>Electronic Transmissions</u>. Unless otherwise provided in these Bylaws, and subject to any guidelines and procedures that the Board of Directors may adopt from time to time, the terms "written" and "in writing" as used in these Bylaws include any form of recorded message in the English language capable of comprehension by ordinary visual or digital means, and may include electronic transmissions, such as facsimile or email, provided

- for electronic transmissions from the corporation, the corporation has obtained an unrevoked written consent from the recipient to the use of such means of communication.
- (ii) for electronic transmissions to the corporation, the corporation has in effect reasonable measures to verify that the sender is the individual purporting to have sent such transmission; and
- (iii) the transmission creates a record that can be retained, retrieved, reviewed, and rendered into a clearly legible tangible form.

Section 6. <u>Amendments</u>. Proposed amendments to these Bylaws shall be submitted in writing to the directors at least one week in advance of the Board meeting at which they will be considered for adoption. The vote of a majority of the directors then in office or the unanimous written consent of the directors shall be required to adopt a Bylaw amendment.

Section 7. Additional Governance Policies. The following documents are hereby included in addition to the stated Articles of Incorporation and these Bylaws as accepted policies of John Milton Manor Corporation, as a Non-Profit California Corporation.

- a) Conflict of Interest Policy
- b) Code of Ethics Policy
- c) Gift Acceptance Policy
- d) Document Management Policy
- e) California Whistleblower Policy
- f) Responsibilities of the Board of Directors

Section 8. <u>Governing Law</u>. In all matters not specified in these Bylaws, or in the event these Bylaws shall not comply with applicable law, the California Nonprofit Public Benefit Corporation Law as then in effect shall apply.

These Bylaws were approved at a meeting of the Board of Directors of John Milton Manor Corporation on _____, 20___.

Dated: _____, 20___

_____, President

Dated:_____,20___

_____, Secretary

CERTIFICATE OF ACKNOWLEDGMENT

State of California)
County of Los Angeles) ss.)

On ______, ____, ____, personally appeared who proved to me based on satisfactory evidence to be the person(s) whose name(s) is/are subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged to me that he/she/they executed the same in his/her/their authorized capacity(ies), and that by his/her/their signature(s) on the instrument the person(s), or the entity upon behalf of which the person(s) acted, executed the instrument.

I certify under PENALTY OF PERJURY under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing paragraph is true and correct.

WITNESS my hand and official seal.

Signature _____