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9 Genesee Park
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Dear Ms. Espenscheid:

I am pleased to advise you that the Board of Regents, at its meeting today, formally voted to grant a provisional charter to 1816 Farmington Quaker Meetinghouse. A copy of the vote adopted is enclosed.

The charter is valid for five years to May 18, 2014 but may be terminated by the Regents at the expiration of that period unless application is made prior to that time for its extension or for its replacement by an absolute charter.

The formal charter document will be prepared and forwarded to you by the Secretary to the Board of Regents. You should expect to receive your charter document shortly.

Yours truly,

Kathy A. Ahearn

Enclosure

Adopted May 18, 2009

1816 FARMINGTON QUAKER MEETINGHOUSE MUSEUM

Voted, that

1. A provisional charter valid for a term of five years is granted incorporating Helen Kirker, Richard Regen, Carol Elaine Deys, Stephen Lewandowski, Francis Caracillo, Billie Luisi-Potts and their associates and successors as an education corporation under the corporate name of 1816 Farmington Quaker Meetinghouse Museum, located in Farmington, county of Ontario, and state of New York.

2. The purposes for which such corporation is formed are:

- a. To establish and maintain the 1816 Farmington Quaker Meetinghouse as a historic house museum open to the public relating to and interpreting the national reform movements relating to women's rights and women's suffrage; relations between Quakers, Haudenosaunee and African Americans; abolition of slavery; and the Underground Railroad.
- b. To maintain and preserve the house and open it to the public on a regular schedule.
- c. To collect, own, hold, maintain, preserve and make available appropriate historical objects and artifacts.
- d. To arrange, create, maintain and promote appropriate historical exhibits and displays.

- e. To promote and support historical research and scholarship, issue publications in any format, and organize historical and cultural activities, programs and events for the public.
3. The persons named as incorporators shall constitute the first board of trustees. The board shall have power to adopt bylaws, including therein provisions fixing the method of election and the term of office of trustees, and shall have power by vote of two-thirds of all the members of the board of trustees to change the number of trustees to be not more than twenty-five nor less than five.
4. The names and post office addresses of the first trustees are as follows:

Helen Kirker
2146 Buffalo Street
Stanley, NY 14561

Richard Regen
10 Hillside Road
Penfield, NY 14526

Carol Elaine Deys
708 Victor Road
Macedon, NY 14502

Stephen Lewandowski
P.O. Box 943
Canandaigua, NY 14424

Francis Caracillo
P.O. Box 603
Seneca Falls, NY 13148

Billie Luisi-Potts
P.O. Box 12
Seneca Falls, NY 13148

5. The corporation hereby created shall be a nonstock corporation organized and operated exclusively for educational purposes, as defined in section 501(c)(3) of the Internal

Revenue Code of 1986 (or the corresponding provision of any future Federal tax code), and no part of the net earnings or net income shall inure to the benefit of any member, trustee, director or officer of the corporation, or any private individual (except that reasonable compensation may be paid for services rendered to or for the corporation), and no member, trustee, director or officer of the corporation, or any private individual, shall be entitled to share in the distribution of any of the corporate assets upon dissolution of the corporation.

6. 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 Federal tax code) or (b) by a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (or the corresponding provision of any future Federal tax code).

7. 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 Federal tax code, during any fiscal year or years in which the corporation has chosen to utilize the benefits authorized by the statutory provision) and the corporation shall not participate in or intervene (including the publishing or distribution of statements) in any political campaign on behalf of or in opposition to any candidate for public office.

8. 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.

9. The principal office of the corporation shall be located Sheldon Road, Farmington, New York 14425.

10. 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.

11. Such provisional charter will be made absolute if, within five years after the date when this charter is granted, the corporation shall acquire resources and equipment which are available for its use and support and which are sufficient and suitable for its chartered purposes in the judgment of the Regents of the University, and shall be maintaining an institution of educational usefulness and character satisfactory to the Regents. Prior to the expiration of said five-year period, an application for the extension of such provisional charter or for an absolute charter will be entertained by the Regents, but in the event that such application is not made, then at the expiration of said term of five years, and upon notice by the Regents, such provisional charter shall terminate and become void and shall be surrendered to the Regents.