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ARTICLE I ORGANIZATION AND PURPOSE

Section 1: The organization shall be known as the VERMONT EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION (VTEMA), a non-profit organization. The association will be known as VTEMA throughout these by-laws.

Section 2: The Association shall consist of a State-level Board of Officers and the general membership.

Section 3: The organization is organized exclusively for charitable, religious, educational, and/or scientific purposes or to foster national or international sports competition under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

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- **Section 4:** Association Objectives:
 - a. To support and enhance emergency management in the State of Vermont by representing emergency management at the municipal and county level of government;
 - b. To promote emergency management program standards in the State of Vermont;
 - c. To encourage sound legislation supporting mitigation, preparedness, response and recovery issues in the State of Vermont;
 - d. To promote effective coordination between local and State emergency management programs;
 - e. To represent local emergency management entities before the State legislature.
 - f. To promote active, effective, and adequately funded local emergency management programs.
 - g. To strengthen the proficiency and knowledge of local Emergency Managers.
 - h. To promote more integration of emergency management planning into local policy making.

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- **ARTICLE II MEMBERSHIP**

- **Section 1:** Membership: Any person responsible for or assisting in, directing, planning, administering or coordinating the activities of emergency management for local governments, for-profit, non-profit and educational institutions in the State of Vermont shall be eligible for Active Membership. Membership may also be extended to anyone involved in emergency management that will in some way support the local emergency manager.

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- **Section 7:** No permanent, paid, Local Emergency Management Staff shall hold both positions of President and Vice-President at the same time. VEM (Vermont Emergency Management) employees and For-profit shall not hold any position on the Board of Officers.

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