

CONSTITUTION OF GANDHI MEMORIAL SOCIETY (GMS)

Gandhi Memorial Society (GMS): GMS is a tax-exempt organization (EIN: 82-3804922) organized and operated under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. The assets and income shall only be used to promote the mission described below. GMS shall not endorse, contribute to, work for, or otherwise support (or oppose) a candidate for public office.

1. **Address:** Its address is 5173 Fairlane Drive, Powell, OH 43065.
2. **Mission:** To share with the world the message and teachings of Mahatma Gandhi on non-violence, truth, and tolerance for humankind.
3. **Leadership:** GMS is led by two bodies: 1) the Board of Trustees (Board) and 2) the Executive Committee (EC).
 - A. **Board of Trustees (Board):** The Board's role is to set GMS's mission and to ensure conformance to GMS's mission and related activities. The Board works closely with the EC to help and provide guidance. The Board appoints EC President.
 - To be a trustee, a candidate must believe in GMS's mission and be willing to devote time and effort to advancing it.
 - The Board is made up of 3 trustees. The Board elects a chairperson among the three trustees through a majority vote.
 - The Board shall meet at least twice a year.
 - The Board appoints the President of the Executive Committee.
 - The Board may, by a two-thirds majority vote and for a good and proper reason, remove any Board member, provided that the person to be removed is allowed to present his/her case before the final decision is made.
 - A Board member's term is 2 years. The Board can vote to extend a member's term beyond 2 years.
 - B. **Executive Committee (EC):** The EC carries out GMS operations in conformance with the GMS mission and purpose. It works closely with the Board to seek guidance and help as needed.
 - To be an EC member, a candidate must believe in GMS's mission and be willing to devote time and effort to advancing it.
 - The EC shall meet at least twice a year.
 - The EC consists of the following members.
 - **EC President:** The Board appoints the President. The President appoints all other EC members mentioned below. The President chairs the EC meetings.
 - **Vice President:** The Vice President chairs the EC meetings in the President's absence and fulfills other duties the President assigns.
 - **Secretary:** The Secretary collaborates with the President to call EC meetings, prepare meeting minutes, and fulfill other duties the President assigns.
 - **Treasurer:** The Treasurer keeps an up-to-date running account of GMS' finances and presents them at the Trustee and EC meetings. The treasurer works with the EC Chair to prepare GMS activity budgets and monitors activity expenses in accordance with the corresponding budgets.

- **Other Members:** When necessary, the President can add more EC members, in consultation with the Board.
- An EC member's term is 2 years. The EC and Board can jointly vote to extend an EC member's term beyond 2 years.

4. Finances

- Any money the GMS obtains shall be used only for the GMS.
- Any bank account(s) opened for the GMS shall be in the name of the GMS.
- Any bank checks to be issued by the GMS for under \$500 shall be approved by the President and signed by the Treasurer. The Treasurer and the President shall sign any check over \$500. Checks over \$2,000 shall be approved by the Board by a majority vote. Any additional checks written to the same party during six months shall be cumulatively added to the original amount for the above-referenced limits.
- Any member of the Board or the EC shall refrain from signing a check or approving expenses if there is a conflict of interest.
- The Board and EC members shall not be paid or compensated by any means for providing voluntary services. However, they shall be entitled to reimbursement for reasonable pre-approved expenses for meals and travel incurred while conducting the GMS's approved activities.

5. DISSOLUTION

In the event of dissolution of GMS, the assets of GMS remaining after satisfaction of the creditors shall be disposed of by the Board of Trustees exclusively for the attainment of one or more objectives of GMS in such manner, or to such organization(s) organized and operated exclusively for charitable, educational, or literary purposes as shall at the time qualify as an exempt organization under Section 501(c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954.

6. Constitution Amendment:

- Any changes to this constitution must be discussed during a joint in-person meeting of the Board and EC. The quorum shall consist of a total of five members from Board and EC. All the changes to the Constitution must be documented in the meeting minutes to be prepared by the EC Secretary.
- The amendment changes documented in the meeting minutes must be voted on by all the Board and EC members, either in person or remotely, for approval. Any approved change requires a majority vote to be included in the amended constitution.

This GMS constitution was adopted through the signatures of the following GMS representatives:

Board Chair Name: _____

Signature: _____

EC President Name: _____

Signature: _____

H. G. BHATT

Date

06/08/2026

Sheetal Patel

Date

06/08/2026