

**BYLAWS OF**

**GALVESTON - HOUSTON FAMILIES EXPLORING DOWN  
SYNDROME**

These Bylaws (referred to as the "Bylaws") govern the affairs of Galveston - Houston Families Exploring Down Syndrome, a nonprofit corporation (referred to as the "Corporation" or "GHFEDS") organized under the Texas Non-Profit Corporation Act (referred to as the "Act").

**ARTICLE 1**

**PURPOSE**

The purpose of GHFEDS is to provide support and resources to individuals with Down syndrome and their families and to promote awareness, understanding and inclusion in their communities.

This corporation is organized exclusively for charitable purposes under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

**ARTICLE 2**

**REGISTERED AGENT**

The Corporation shall comply with the requirements of the Act and maintain a registered office and registered agent in Texas. The registered office may, but need not, be identical with the Corporation's principal office in Texas. The Board of Directors may change the registered office and the registered agent as provided in the Act.

**ARTICLE 3**

**MEMBERS**

**3.01 Membership:** Membership is open to any individual who requests membership and pays annual membership dues, as set by the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors may waive membership dues in cases of financial hardship or other specific situations agreed upon by the Board.

**3.02. Dues:** The Board of Directors may set and change the amount of the annual dues, if any, payable to GHFEDS by members.

**3.03. Votes:** Members and Executive Officers other than Directors shall have no voting privileges except for the purpose of electing Directors. The Directors may specify, by resolution, the rights and duties of such members and directors, including the payment of dues.

