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**CONSTITUTION OF
LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL MULTIPLE DISTRICT 37**

ARTICLE I NAME

This organization shall be known as Multiple District 37 of Lions Clubs International, comprising the State of Montana, U.S.A.; the Province of Alberta; a portion of British Columbia and a portion of the Northwest Territories, Canada; hereafter referred to as "Multiple District."

The Multiple District shall be comprised of Subdistricts (herein after referred to as Districts), with boundaries, as adopted by a Multiple District Convention and approved by the Board of Directors of the International Association of Lions Clubs.

ARTICLE II OBJECTS

To provide an administrative structure with which to advance the Purpose and Objects of Lions Clubs International in the Multiple District.

ARTICLE III MEMBERSHIP

The membership of this organization shall consist of all Lions Clubs in the Multiple District duly chartered by Lions Clubs International.

Wherever the male gender or pronoun appears in the Multiple District 37 Constitution and By-Law it shall be interpreted to mean both male and female persons.

ARTICLE IV MULTIPLE DISTRICT OFFICERS

The officers of the Multiple District shall be the District Governors and Council Chairman of the Multiple District.

ARTICLE V MULTIPLE DISTRICT COUNCIL

The Governors of the Districts, except as herein provided, shall constitute the Council of Governors, hereafter referred to as the "Council". The Council may include one or more Immediate Past District Governors provided that the number of Immediate Past District Governors shall not exceed one-half (1/2) the number of District Governors. Each member of the Council shall have one vote on each question requiring action of the Council. The Council may also include Past and Present Presidents, Vice-Presidents and Past and Present Directors of the Association as advisory, but non-voting members.

The District Governors Elect shall, at the final Council Meeting elect the Council Chairman for their year. They may choose from their own members, or the Past District Governors of Multiple District 37 who have served as a District Governor within the immediate past two years. If there is more than one candidate, there shall be an election by secret ballot; balloting

shall continue until one candidate receives a majority of votes cast. In such event, the total number of Immediate Past District Governors who may be members of the Council shall be reduced by one.

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ARTICLE VI MULTIPLE DISTRICT SECRETARY-TREASURER

The Multiple District Council shall contract for the services of a Multiple District Secretary-Treasurer.

ARTICLE VII MULTIPLE DISTRICT GENERAL FUND

To provide revenue to defray expenses of the Multiple District, an annual per-capita tax shall be levied upon each member of each club in the Multiple District as stipulated under the By-Laws.

ARTICLE VIII MULTIPLE DISTRICT CONVENTION

A convention of the Multiple District shall be held each year not less than thirty (30) days prior to the date of the International Convention.

ARTICLE IX MULTIPLE DISTRICT CONFERENCE

A Multiple District Conference will be held each year.

ARTICLE X MULTIPLE DISTRICT 37 LIONS HALL OF FAME

There shall be a Multiple District 37 Lions Hall of Fame.

ARTICLE XI DISTRICT ORGANIZATION

Each District which is a sub-district of the Multiple District shall be organized in accordance with the Constitution and Bylaws of Lions Clubs International. The officers shall be those as may from time to time be authorized by the International Association of Lions Clubs.

ARTICLE XII DISTRICT CABINET

There shall be a District Governor's Cabinet in each District, composed of the District Governor as presiding officer, Vice District Governor, Region Chairmen, Zone Chairmen, Secretary-Treasurer, and Immediate Past Governor.

ARTICLE XIII DISTRICT CONVENTIONS

Each District may elect to hold an annual convention prior to the Multiple District Convention.

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ARTICLE XIV AMENDMENTS

This Constitution may be amended only at a Multiple District Convention by a resolution submitted in writing and adopted by the affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the votes cast. The Constitution shall be updated annually to automatically reflect the changes approved at the immediately preceding Convention of the International Association of Lions Clubs.

No resolution shall be reported to the Convention unless and until the same shall have been developed by the Committee on Constitution and Bylaws, the Council, or by a Lions Club in good standing in the Multiple District and endorsed by the Committee on Constitution and Bylaws, the Council, or in writing by fifteen (15) clubs in good standing and prepared as a Notice of Motion reproduced in the Office of the Multiple District Secretary-Treasurer and mailed to the secretary of every Lions Club in the Multiple District to provide a minimum of sixty (60) days notice prior to the official opening of the Multiple District Convention at which the resolution is to be voted upon.

ARTICLE XV EFFECTIVE DATE

This Constitution was adopted by a two-thirds affirmative vote of all delegates registered, qualified and voting in person at the Multiple District 37 Convention held in Lethbridge, Alberta, Canada, May 15 & 16, 1992, and becomes fully effective July 1, 1992.

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