

**STATE OF MAINE**  
**TOWN OF GOULDSBORO**

Fee: \$10.00

**CERTIFICATE OF SOLE PROPRIETOR ADOPTING NAME OTHER THAN HIS/HER OWN**  
(Pursuant to Title 31 M.R.S.A, Sec 2)

The undersigned hereby certifies that she/he intends to engage in \_\_\_\_\_  
*Type of Business*

business as sole proprietor or partnership thereof, and to adopt the name, style and designation of

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Name of Business / Doing Business As*

\_\_\_\_\_ in the conduct of said business.

*Address of Business in Gouldsboro*

Name of Owner(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

Legal Residence \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Owner(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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Hancock County, ss \_\_\_\_\_ 20\_\_\_\_

Then personally appeared \_\_\_\_\_ and made oath to  
the foregoing certificate, that the same is true.

Before me,

\_\_\_\_\_  
Notary Public

*\* This certificate shall be deposited in the office of the Clerk of the municipality in which the business is to be carried on before commencing business. Title 31, Chapter 1 §2. The Clerk is entitled to a fee of \$10.00 for recording this certificate. \**

# TITLE 31 M.R.S.A, CHAP. 1

## MERCANTILE PARTNERSHIPS AND ASSUMED BUSINESS NAMES

This information can be found at: <https://legislature.maine.gov/legis/statutes/31/title31ch0sec0.html>

### **Section 1. Filing of certificate; certificate of withdrawal**

Whenever 2 or more persons become associated as partners or otherwise for the purpose of engaging in any mercantile enterprise, they shall, before commencing business, deposit in the office of the clerk of the city or town in which the same is to be carried on a certificate signed and sworn to by them, setting forth their names and places of residence, the nature of the business in which they intend to engage and giving the name under which they are to transact business. Whenever any member of such partnership or association withdraws therefrom, he may certify under oath to the fact of such withdrawal, which certificate shall be deposited in the clerk's office where the partnership certificate is recorded. He shall conclusively be presumed to be a member of the firm or association to the time of his depositing such certificate.

### **Section 2. Business under assumed name; filing of certificate**

Whenever any person intends to engage in such business as sole proprietor thereof, and to adopt any business name, style or designation other than his own name exclusively, he shall, before commencing business, deposit in the office of the clerk of the city or town in which such business is to be carried on a certificate signed and sworn to by him, setting forth his name and place of residence, the name, style or designation under which the business is to be conducted, and stating that he is the sole proprietor.

### **Section 3. Statements as conclusive; perjury**

A person signing and making oath to any certificate deposited as provided by [sections 1](#) and [2](#) shall not be permitted in any judicial proceeding to contradict the statements contained in such certificate. Whoever swears or affirms to any such certificate which is not true in fact shall be deemed guilty of perjury.

### **Section 4. Records**

The clerks of the several cities and towns shall record in suitable books, kept exclusively for the purpose, the certificates deposited under [sections 1](#) and [2](#), and such books shall be open to public inspection.

### **Section 5. Failure to File; penalty**

Whoever fails to deposit seasonably the certificate required by [sections 1](#) and [2](#) shall be punished by a fine of \$5 for each day he is in default.

### **Section 6. Prohibition of certain names**

No person or persons, partnership or other entity engaged in any business, except a corporation, may adopt a name for such business that contains the words "corporation," "incorporated" or "limited," or any abbreviation of any such words. A limited partnership may use the term "limited partnership" as part of its name, a limited liability company may use the term "limited liability company" as part of its name and a limited liability partnership may use the term "limited liability partnership" as part of its name.

*\*\*Please contact the Town Clerk at (207) 963-5589 or [bmitchell@gouldsborotown.com](mailto:bmitchell@gouldsborotown.com) with any questions or if there has been a change in ownership, location or dissolution of the business.\*\**