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SUBJECT: Friends and Volunteers of Refuges (FAVOR) – Lower Suwannee and Cedar Keys, Inc.

Enclosed is an original and one (1) copy of the articles of incorporation and a check for \$78.75.

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FROM: Joan Stephens

Friends and Volunteers of Refuges (FAVOR)
Lower Suwannee and Cedar Keys, Inc.

P.O. Box 864

Cedar Key, FL 32625

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FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE
Katherine Harris
Secretary of State

February 25, 2002

JOAN STEPHENS
PO BOX 864
CEDAR KEY, FL 32625

SUBJECT: FRIENDS AND VOLUNTEERS OF REFUGES (FAVOR) - LOWER
SUWANEE AND CEDAR KEYS, INC.

This letter will confirm that due to a clerical error the above referenced corporation was incorrectly filed as a PROFIT(P01000044496) corporation. Please be advised, we have corrected our records to reflect this corporation as a NON PROFIT corporation and assigned new document number N02000001335 with the original file date of April 30, 2001.

Any annual reports/uniform business reports submitted this office should reflect the new document number.

We sincerely apologize for any inconvenience this error may have caused you.

Should you have any questions please feel free to contact this office at the address indicated below.

Sincerely,
RoseAnn Varnadore
Corporate Specialist Supervisor
New Filings Section

Letter number: 202A00011478

ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION
OF
FRIENDS AND VOLUNTEERS OF REFUGES (FAVOR) –
LOWER SUWANNEE AND CEDAR KEYS, Inc.,
A NOT FOR PROFIT CORPORATION

THE UNDERSIGNED, acting as incorporators of a corporation pursuant to Chapter 617, Florida Statutes, adopt the following ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION:

ARTICLE I
NAME

The name of this corporation is Friends and Volunteers of Refuges (FAVOR) - Lower Suwannee and Cedar Keys, Inc., a not for profit corporation, hereinafter referred to as the corporation.

ARTICLE II
PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS
AND MAILING ADDRESS

The principle place of business of this corporation shall be:

Friends and Volunteers of Refuges (FAVOR) –
Lower Suwannee and Cedar Keys, Inc.,
16450 NW 31st Place
Chiefland, FL 32626

The mailing address of this corporation shall be:

Friends and Volunteers of Refuges (FAVOR) –
Lower Suwannee and Cedar Keys, Inc.,
P.O. Box 864
Cedar Key, FL 32625

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EXEMPT STATUS

The corporation is constituted to attract substantial support through contributions, directly or indirectly, from a representative number of persons in the community in which it operates, and has not been formed for pecuniary profit or financial gain, and no part of the assets, income, or profit of the corporation is distributable to or is to become advantageous or beneficial to its Directors or officers except to the extent permitted under the Not-for-Profit Corporation Law, Chapter 617, Florida Statutes. No substantial part of the activities of the corporation shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting, to influence legislation, and the corporation shall not participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office. Notwithstanding any other provision of this certificate, the corporation shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by a corporation exempt from federal income tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law) or (b) by a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under Section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law).

ARTICLE III PURPOSES

THE PURPOSES for which the Corporation is to be formed are for scientific, educational and charitable purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 and in this connection, these purposes include, but are not limited to:

1. Conserve, protect and enhance fish and wildlife and their habitats for the continuing benefit of the American people
2. Support the stewardship of the National Wildlife Refuge System;
3. Promote a better awareness, appreciation, conservation and responsible utilization of the Refuges;
4. Promote the preservation of the natural and historical resources of the Refuges, foster their use and enjoyment by the public consistent with the protection and preservation of the environment, and engage in such educational, scientific and civic activities to assist the Refuges;
5. Produce and make available to Refuge visitors, by sales or free distribution, suitable:
 - a) Interpretive and educational materials to increase the visitors understanding of the Refuges, wildlife, and the environment;
 - b) Special materials, memorabilia and events of the Refuges that will enhance visitor enjoyment;

6. Acquire materials, supplies, equipment and/or labor which may be retained by the Corporation, or donated to the Service or Refuges to support operational, educational or maintenance projects as agreed with the Refuge representatives;
7. Encourage and facilitate private and public financial contributions in order to enhance the National Wildlife Refuge System; and,
8. To do any other act or thing incidental to or connected with the foregoing purpose or in advancement thereof, but not for the pecuniary profit or financial gain of its Directors or officers except as permitted under the Not-for-Profit Corporation Law of Florida. In furtherance of its corporate purposes, the Corporation shall have all general powers enumerated in section 202 of the Not-for-Profit Corporation Law.

To accomplish these purposes, the corporation may solicit, receive, purchase and borrow with or without security, real and personal property, including funds by way of gifts, contributions and subscriptions, and administer, own, hold, convey, transfer, disburse, lend and sell the same for such charitable, scientific, literary and educational purposes as are permitted by section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of the United States as it now exists and as hereafter amended, and no assets of this corporation shall inure to the benefit of any private individual. No substantial part of the activities of this corporation shall consist of carrying on propaganda; or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, nor shall this corporation take part in any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office.

Friends and Volunteers of Refuges (FAVOR) - Lower Suwannee and Cedar Keys, Inc. is an independent non-profit corporation dedicated, amongst other purposes, to supporting but not constrained by, the primary purposes for which the Lower Suwannee and Cedar Keys National Wildlife Refuges were established.

The corporation is organized and operated solely for administrative and managerial purposes. It is not intended that the corporation show any net earnings; but no part of any net earnings that do occur shall become advantageous for or benefit any private member.

Upon dissolution of this corporation, any remaining assets shall be transferred only to an organization having like charitable, scientific, literary and educational purposes as are permitted by section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of the United States. No assets shall be conveyed or distributed to any individual.

ARTICLE IV
MANNER OF ELECTION OF DIRECTORS

The Chair and Board of Directors shall be elected by a majority of ballots cast by the membership of the Friends and Volunteers of Refuges (FAVOR) – Lower Suwannee and Cedar Keys, Inc.

ARTICLE V
NAMES/ADDRESSES OF OFFICERS

The initial Directors names and addresses are as follows:

Dawn Miller, DVM
15114 NW 32nd Ave.
Newberry, FL 32669

George Griffin
P.O. Box 159
Old Town, FL 32680

Harold Nugent
6406 NW 36th Terrace
Gainesville, FL 32653

Dale Henderson, **Treasurer**
16417 Andrews Circle
Cedar Key, FL 32625

Susan Nugent , **Secretary**
6406 NW 36th Terrace
Gainesville, FL 32653

Nancy K. Taylor, **Vice President**
P.O. Box 690
Cedar Key, FL 32625

Joan Stephens, **President**
5239 SW C.R. 313
Trenton, FL 32693

Kenneth Litzenberger, *ex-officio*
U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service
Lower Suwannee National Wildlife
Refuge

Juliana Larson, **Grants Coordinator**
P.O. Box 148
Cedar Key, FL 32625

16450 NW 31 PL
Chiefland, FL 32626

ARTICLE VI
INITIAL REGISTERED AGENT AND STREET ADDRESS

The initial registered agent and registered office of the corporation in the State of Florida is:

Joan Stephens	Street address of the initial registered agent:
Friends and Volunteers of Refuges (FAVOR) —	Joan Stephens
Lower Suwannee and Cedar Keys, Inc.	5239 SW C.R. 313
P.O. Box 864	Trenton, FL 32693
Cedar Key, FL 32625	

ARTICLE VII
INCORPORATORS

The names and addresses of the incorporators for these Articles of Incorporation are:

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Newberry, FL 32669

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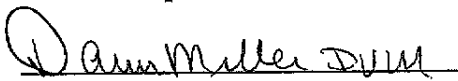
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16450 NW 31st Place
Chiefland, FL 32626

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we, the undersigned, being the incorporators of this corporation, have, for the purpose of forming this nonprofit corporation under the laws of the State of Florida executed these Articles of Incorporation on this 21st day of February, 2001.

Signatures of Incorporators:



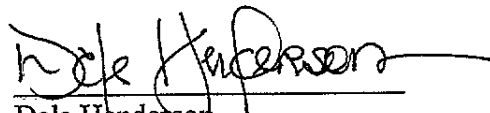
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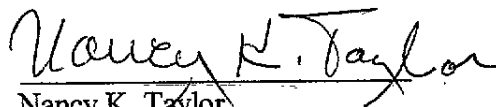
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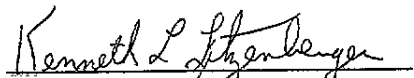
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ACCEPTANCE OF APPOINTMENT AS REGISTERED AGENT

I hereby accept appointment as the registered agent of Friends and Volunteers of Refuges (FAVOR) - Lower Suwannee and Cedar Keys, Inc.; A Not for Profit Corporation, at the initial registration office of the corporation at Friends and Volunteers of Refuges (FAVOR) - Lower Suwannee and Cedar Keys, Inc., 16450 NW 31st Place, Chiefland, FL 32626.

DATED this ^{1st} ~~21st~~ day of ^{March} ~~February~~, 2001.

Joan Stephens
Joan Stephens, President

STATE OF FLORIDA
COUNTY OF ~~LEVY~~ Gilchrist

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, personally appeared Joan Stephens, known to me to be the person described in and who executed the foregoing Articles of Incorporation for Friends and Volunteers of Refuges (FAVOR) - Lower Suwannee and Cedar Keys, Inc.; a not-for-profit corporation, and that the said instrument is for the purposes therein expressed. Said person is personally known or produced a Florida drivers' license as identification. FDL# 5315-497-29-724-0

WITNESS my hand and official seal this ^{1st} ~~21st~~ day of ^{March} ~~February~~, 2001.



Rebecca J. Oder
Notary Public

Rebecca J. Oder
Printed Name Of Notary Public

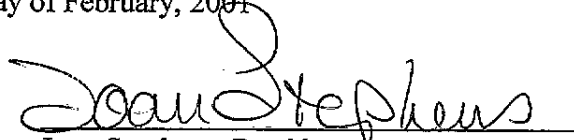
CERTIFICATE OF DESIGNATION
REGISTERED AGENT/REGISTERED OFFICE

Pursuant to the provisions of Sections 617.0501, Florida Statutes, the undersigned corporation, organized under the laws of the State of Florida, submits the following statement in designating the registered office/registered agent, in the State of Florida:

1. The name of the corporation is Friends and Volunteers of Refuges (FAVOR) - Lower Suwannee and Cedar Keys, Inc.; a not-for-profit corporation;
2. The name and address of the registered agent and office is:

Joan Stephens	Street address of the initial registered agent:
Friends and Volunteers of Refuges (FAVOR) -	Joan Stephens
Lower Suwannee and Cedar Keys, Inc.	5239 SW C.R. 313
P.O. Box 864	Trenton, FL 32693
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DATED this 21st day of February, 2001



Joan Stephens, President

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