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3900 Commonwealth Boulevard
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Colleen M. Castille
Secretary

March 31, 2006

Mr. Sean Toner
Division of Corporations
Florida Department of State
409 East Gaines Street
Tallahassee, Florida 32399

Dear Mr. Toner:

This letter is to certify to you that the Friends of St. Joseph State Parks, Inc. is a duly authorized citizen support organization which is under contract to provide support for the Division of Recreation and Parks in accordance with Section 258.015, F.S.

Attached please find two copies of their Articles of Incorporation. After filing and assigning a document number please forward one stamped copy of the Articles with your correspondence.

If further information is needed feel free to call Phillip Werndli at 245-3098.

Sincerely,

Mike Bullock
Director
Florida Park Service

MB/pwf

Attachments

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COVER LETTER

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Department of State
Division of Corporations
P.O. Box 6327
Tallahassee, FL 32314

SUBJECT: FRIENDS OF ST. JOSEPH STATE PARKS, INC.
(PROPOSED CORPORATE NAME - MUST INCLUDE SUFFIX)

Enclosed is an original and one (1) copy of the Articles of Incorporation and a check for: ***

***Any citizen support organization that is required by rule of the Department of Environmental Protection to be formed as a nonprofit organization and is under contract with the department is exempt from any fees required for incorporation as a nonprofit organization, and the Secretary of State may not assess any such fees if the citizen support organization is certified by the Department of Environmental Protection to the Secretary of State as being under contract with the Department of Environmental Protection.

Please see the included certification.

FROM: Christina S. Trahan *CT*
Name (Printed or typed)
980 Cape San Blas Road
Address
Port St. Joe, FL 32456
City, State & Zip
(850) 224-8899
Daytime Telephone number

NOTE: Please provide the original and one copy of the articles.

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ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION
In Compliance with Chapter 617, F.S., (Not for Profit)

ARTICLE 1. NAME

The name of the Corporation shall be: Friends of St. Joseph State Parks, Inc.

ARTICLE 2. PRINCIPAL OFFICE

The principal office and mailing address of the Corporation shall be:

9574 Cape San Blas Road, Port St. Joe, Gulf County, Florida 32456

ARTICLE 3. PURPOSE

The purpose of the Corporation shall be to act as a non-profit corporation as define in Section 617.01401, F.S. (2004) and shall operate exclusively for charitable purposes within the meaning of section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code. The Corporation will function as a citizen support organization (CSO), as defined and regulated by the Florida Department of Environmental Protection or other agency which comes to substitute it, in order to generate and employ additional resources and support of and in the best interest of Friends of St. Joseph State Parks through, among other events and activities, the following: special work projects, special programs, special events, outreach programs, aid other CSOs, educational activities and communications, special exhibits, interpretive programs, fund raising activities to seek additional funds to augment the parks area's existing funding in order to maintain, enhance, and expand the parks' services to the public.

ARTICLE 4. PUBLICLY SUPPORTED NOT FOR PROFIT CORPORATION

No part of the net earnings of the Corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its members, trustees, directors, officers or other private persons, except that the Corporation shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of Section 501(c)(3) purposes. 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 or in opposition to any candidate for public office. Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, 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, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or (b) by a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under Section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

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ARTICLE 5. MANNER OF ELECTION

The management of the Corporation shall be vested in a Board of Directors. The number of Directors may be increased or decreased from time to time in accordance with the Bylaws, but shall never be less than three (3). The Voting Members shall elect the Directors at an annual meeting according to the Bylaws. The Officers of the Corporation shall consist of a President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and such other Officers and Assistant Officers as may be provided for in the Bylaws. Each Officer shall be elected by the Board of Directors (any may be removed by the Board of Directors) at such time and in such manner as may be prescribed by the Bylaws.

ARTICLE 6. INITIAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The name and street address of each initial Director of the Corporation is as follows:

	<u>Name</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Address</u>
1.	Christina S. Trahan	President	980 Cape San Blas Road Port St. Joe, FL 32456
2.	Sandra B. Carey	Vice President	140 Catamaran Drive Port St. Joe, FL 32456
3.	Melani K. Ivey	Secretary	2824 Annette Avenue Panama City Beach, FL 32408
4.	Debra K. VanVleet	Treasurer	775 Cape San Blas Road Port St. Joe, FL 32456

ARTICLE 7. INITIAL REGISTERED AGENT AND STREET ADDRESS

The name and Florida street address of the registered agent of the Corporation is:

Christina S. Trahan, 980 Cape San Blas Road, Port St. Joe, Florida 32456

ARTICLE 8. INCORPORATORS

The name and address of the Incorporators of this Corporation is as follows:

Christina S. Trahan, 980 Cape San Blas Road, Port St. Joe, FL 32456

Sandra B. Carey, 140 Catamaran Drive, Port St. Joe, FL 32456

Debra K. VanVleet, 775 Cape San Blas Road, Port St. Joe, FL 32456

The rights and interests of the incorporators shall automatically terminate when these Articles are filed with the Secretary of State.

ARTICLE 9. DISSOLUTION

Upon the dissolution of the corporation, assets shall be distributed to the Department of Environmental Protection, Division of Recreation and Parks of the State of Florida or its successor, to be used exclusively for the purposes herein above set forth, provided that such does not impair or destroy the tax exempt status to donations, contributions, legacies or dues received by this corporation to the extent that such tax exempt status shall be allowed under any applicable law or regulation. Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, the assets of the Corporation are hereby irrevocably dedicated to charitable use; accordingly, in the event the Department of Environmental Protection, Division of Recreation and Parks of the State of Florida, or its successors, fails to qualify to receive or otherwise fails to accept the Corporation's assets upon dissolution, the residual assets shall be turned over to one or more organizations which themselves are exempt as described in Section 501(c)(3) and Section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code or corresponding sections of any prior or future law, or to a federal, state or local government for exclusive public purpose(s).

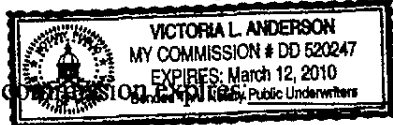
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has signed these Articles of Incorporation on this 7th day of March, 2006.



CHRISTINA S. TRAHAN

STATE OF FLORIDA
COUNTY OF GULF

BEFORE ME personally appeared Christina S. Trahan, known to me and known to be the person who executed the foregoing Articles of Incorporation and who is personally known to me.


WITNESS my hand and official seal this 7th day of March, 2006.

My commission expires:  My commission expires: March 12, 2010


Victoria L. Anderson
Notary Public, State of Florida

ACCEPTANCE BY REGISTERED AGENT

THE UNDERSIGNED HEREBY accepts the appointment as Registered Agent of the Friends of St. Joseph State Parks, Inc., which is contained in the foregoing Articles of Incorporation.

DATED this 7th day of March, 2006.

Christina S. Trahan, Registered Agent

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CLERK OF SUPERIOR COURT
JANET M. HARRIS

Revised March 4, 2006

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
DIVISION OF RECREATION AND PARKS

CSO PROJECT PRIORITIES FORM

St. Joseph State Parks, Inc.

PRIORITIES	What do you need						Does it need approval			IN UNIT PLAN?
	VOLVTR	STAFF	EQUIPMENT	FUNDING	CONSTRUCTION	PUBLIC EXHIB	HIST REVIEW	CONSTRUCTION	INTERPRETION	RESOURCE MGMT
Seek Grants and build pedestrian and/or bike path	X		X	X	X		X	X		X
Fundraise and build new visitor center and park offices	X			X		X			X	
Staff Visitor's Center and sell fundraising merchandise	X		X	X	X	X		X	X	X
Semi-Annual Beach Cleanup Day	X		X	X						X
Sea Oat Planting	X		X	X						X
Special Fundraising Events	X		X	X		X				X
Guided Tram Ride			X	X		X			X	
Fund Volunteer program uniforms and project needs.	X			X					X	
Marina Improvements	X		X	X	X			X		X
Additional areas of park needs identified by the Division or the Manager from time to time.										X

APPROVALS:

PARK MANAGER Carl Marchand
PARK T.H. Stone Memorial St. Joseph Peninsula
DEF 46-024 (10/88) and Constitution Convention Museum
State Parks

DATE 3/13/06
BUREAU CHIEF Daniel R. Jones
DIV DIRECTOR