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Enclosed is an original and one(1) copy of the Articles of Incorporation and a check for:						
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# ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION 08 NOV 13 PH 12: 12 OF PALM ISLAND CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION: INC. 12 OF STATE (A Florida Corporation Not-for-Profit)

We, the undersigned, hereby associate ourselves together for the purpose of becoming incorporated under the laws of the State of Florida as a corporation not-for-profit, and hereby adopt the following Articles of Incorporation:

## ARTICLE I - NAME AND PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS OF THE CORPORATION

The name of this corporation, hereinafter called the "Association", shall be PALM ISLAND CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, INC. Its principal office and place of business shall be at Post Office Box 1501, Bradenton, Florida 34206. The Board of Directors may from time to time move the principal office of the Association to any other address in the State of Florida. Its principal place of business shall be at 2311 Manatee Avenue West, #2, Bradenton, Florida 34205.

#### **ARTICLE II - PURPOSE AND POWERS**

- Section 1. The purpose for which this Association is organized is to act as a governing "Association" within the meaning of the Condominium Act (Chapter 718, Florida Statutes) for PALM ISLAND CONDOMINIUM, located in Manatee County, Florida.
- Section 2. The Association shall have all of the rights, powers, duties and functions of a governing Association as set forth in the Condominium Act, now or hereafter in effect, and all power and duties reasonably necessary to administer, govern and maintain the Condominium pursuant to the Declaration of Condominium as it may be amended from time to time, including, but not limited to, the following:
- (a) To make, collect and enforce assessments against members of the Association for the purpose of defraying the charges and expenses of the Condominium and of all other properties the Association shall hold, by whatever means, and operation of the Association. Assessments paid by Unit Owners shall be held in trust by the Association and used to pay:
- (1) the cost of operation, maintenance, preservation, enhancement or repair of the Condominium Property and other costs related thereto, and
- (2) the cost of administration of the affairs of the Association, including payment of applicable taxes and the preservation of the Association's existence, to the extent properly allocable to the performance of the Association's duties under the Declaration of Condominium (all thereof, in the event that the Association undertakes no other activities); to the extent not expended in the year in which paid,

assessments shall continue to be held in trust by the Association for the benefit of the Unit Owners to be expended for the aforesaid purposes or, upon any termination of the Condominium, the unexpended portion shall be added to the common surplus for disbursement to the Unit Owners or shall be disbursed as otherwise provided by Section 718.117, Florida Statutes.

- (b) To use the proceeds of assessments in the exercise of its powers and duties.
- (c) To maintain, repair, replace, operate and secure the common elements.
- (d) To operate and maintain the surface water management system facilities on the Condominium Property, if any.
- (e) To purchase insurance upon Condominium Property and all properties the Association shall hold and insurance for the protection of the Association and its members.
- (f) To improve Condominium Property further and, after casualty, to reconstruct improvements.
- (g) To approve or disapprove the transfer, by sale, rental (if permitted), gift, devise, bequest, succession, or otherwise, and the ownership and encumbrance of the Units as may be provided by the Declaration of Condominium and by the Bylaws of the Association.
- (h) To sue and be sued and enforce by legal means the provisions of the Condominium Act, the Declaration of Condominium, these Articles, the Bylaws of the Association, and the Rules and Regulations adopted by the Board for the use of the Condominium Property.
- (i) To contract for the management and maintenance of the Condominium Property and to authorize a management agent to assist the Association in carrying out its powers and duties in performing such functions as the submission of proposals, collection of assessments, preparation of records, enforcement of rules and maintenance, repairs and replacement of common elements with funds as shall be available by the Association for such purposes. The Association shall employ a licensed Community Association Manager as that term is defined in Part VIII of Chapter 468, Florida Statutes, and shall conduct the management and operation of the Association as if the employment of a Community Association Manager were a requirement under Chapter 468 for Palm Island Condominium Association, Inc. The Association and its officers, shall, however, retain at all times the powers and duties granted by the Condominium Documents and the Condominium Act, including, but not limited to, the making of assessments, promulgation of rules and execution of contracts on behalf of the Association. Notwithstanding any provision in these Articles to the contrary, any

amendment of this Section 2(i) of Article II shall require the affirmative vote of not less than eighty percent (80%) of the Total Voting Interests.

- (j) To contract for services to provide for operation and maintenance of the surface water management system facilities, if any.
- (k) To purchase, own, lease, receive by gift, or otherwise acquire possessory or use interests in real and personal property, whether or not contiguous to the lands of the Condominium, intended to provide for the enjoyment, recreation or other use or benefit of the members of the Association.
- (I) To contract for the management, operation, security, and upkeep of any and all property held or controlled by the Association.
- (m) To encumber, lease or grant other possessory or use interests or easements in any and all property which the Association may acquire or control, including but not limited to the common elements of the Condominium and any recreational facilities.
- (n) To enter into contracts or agreements for the maintenance of accounting and bookkeeping records and for the use of data processing facilities or services, so as to carry out the Association's responsibilities and to comply with the requirements of the law of the State of Florida with regard to maintenance and inspection of records.
- (o) To enter into such other contracts or agreements reasonably necessary or convenient for the proper exercise of the rights, powers, duties and functions of the Association including the right and power to employ attorneys, accountants, contractors, community Association managers, and other professionals as the need arises, subject to any applicable provisions of the Declaration of Condominium.
- (p) To employ, dismiss and supervise all personnel and engage such professional services as are reasonably necessary to perform the services required for proper exercise of the rights, powers, duties and functions of the Association.
- (q) To exercise any and all common law and statutory powers, although not specifically recited above, of a corporation not-for-profit, and of an Association within the meaning of the Condominium Act, reasonably necessary or convenient to carry out and perform the purpose for which the Association is organized and its enumerated powers.
- (r) To enact rules and regulations concerning the use and enjoyment of the Units, the common elements and of the Unit Owners by the Association not inconsistent with the Declaration of Condominium and establish fines and other

penalties, and employ all remedies available under the Condominium Act and other applicable laws, to aid in the enforcement thereof.

Section 3. Any officer or director individually or any firm or corporation of which any officer or director shall be a member, stockholder, officer, director, employee, or agent, may be a party to, or may be pecuniarily or otherwise interested in, any contract or transaction of this Association, provided that he or such firm or corporation so interested shall be disclosed or shall have been known to the Board of Directors or a majority thereof, prior to the making thereof. No contract or other transaction between this Association and any other such person, firm, or corporation, and no act of this Association shall in any way be affected or invalidated thereby. Any director of this Association who is also a director or officer of such other corporation or who is so interested may be counted in determining the existence of a quorum at any meeting of the Board of Directors of this Association, which shall authorize any such contract or transaction with like force and effect as if he were not a director or officer of such other corporation or not so interested.

## ARTICLE III - QUALIFICATION OF MEMBERS AND THE MANNER OF THEIR ADMISSION

Section 1. The subscribers constitute the sole members of this Association until the recording of a Declaration of Condominium naming this Association as the Association thereunder. Upon the recording of the Declaration of Condominium, each Owner of a Unit shall be a member of the Association. At such time as the purchase price is paid and the deed to a Unit is issued, the Owner thereof shall become a member.

<u>Section 2.</u> Ownership of a Condominium Unit shall be a prerequisite to exercising any rights as a member. A Condominium Unit may be owned by more than one person or by a corporation, Association, partnership or trust.

Section 3. Membership shall not be transferable, except as provided herein or in any Declaration of Condominium naming this Association as the Association thereunder. The membership of any Unit Owner shall terminate upon the termination of the Condominium, or upon transfer of ownership in the Unit, provided the transfer is accomplished in accordance with the provisions of the Declaration of Condominium. The transferor's membership shall automatically transfer and be vested in the new Owner succeeding to the ownership interest in the Unit, subject to a lien thereon for all undischarged assessments or assessment installments. The Association may relygon a recorded deed as evidence of transfer of a Unit and thereupon terminate the transferor's membership and recognize the membership of the transferee.

#### **ARTICLE IV - TERM OF EXISTENCE**

The Association shall have perpetual existence.

#### ARTICLE V - NAMES AND RESIDENCES OF THE SUBSCRIBERS

The names and addresses of the subscribers of these Articles are as follows:

Name

Address

Jean Ann Kolinchak

PO Box 1501

Bradenton, Florida 34206

Gerard A. Bernotas

PO Box 1501

Bradenton, Florida 34206

#### **ARTICLE VI - OFFICERS**

Section 1. The officers of the Association shall consist of a President, a Vice-President, and a Secretary/Treasurer, and any assistants to such officers or other officers as the Board of Directors may deem appropriate from time to time.

Section 2. The names of the officers who are to serve until the first election are:

<u>Title</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>
President	Jean Ann Kolinchak	PO Box 1501 Bradenton, FL 34206
Vice-President	Carl J. Kolinchak	PO Box 1501 Bradenton, FL 34206
Secretary/Treasurer	Gerard A. Bernotas	PO Box 1501 Bradenton, FL 34206

Section 3. Officers of the Association shall be elected at each annual meeting of the Board of Directors and shall hold office at the pleasure of the Board. Any officer may be removed at any meeting by the affirmative vote of the majority of the members of the Board either with or without cause, and any vacancy in any office may be filled by the Board at any meeting thereof.

#### **ARTICLE VII - BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Section 1. The affairs and business of this Association shall be managed and conducted by a Board of Directors. The first Board of Director shall consist of three (3) persons as designated herein. At such time as the members other than the Developer are entitled to elect a majority of the Directors pursuant to section 718.301, Florida Statutes, the number of Directors may be increased to five (5).

Section 2. The names of the initial Board of Directors and their terms of office are as follows:

Name Term

Jean Ann Kolinchak December 31, 2009

Carl J. Kolinchak December 31, 2009

Gerard A. Bernotas December 31, 2009

Section 3. Except as provided below, until such time as the members other than the Developer are entitled to elect a majority of the Directors pursuant to section 718.301, Florida Statutes, each Director shall serve for one (1) year or until his successor is elected or appointed. There shall not be a limit on the number of terms a director can serve and each term shall be for one (1) year. This procedure may be changed by the vote required to amend the bylaws of the Association.

Section 4. Qualifications of Directors. A person who has been convicted of any felony by any court of record in the United States and who has not had his or her right to vote restored pursuant to law in the jurisdiction of his or her residence is not eligible for Board membership. Any director elected prior to the date control of the Association is turned over to the non-developer Unit Owners need not be a Member. Every director elected thereafter shall be a Member or a Voting Representative; provided, however, no director elected or appointed by Developer need be a Member or a Voting Representative.

Section 5. Voting Interests. Directors may be removed with or without cause, by a majority vote of the Voting Interests at any annual meeting or any special meeting duly called therefor with or without cause by the vote or agreement in writing by a majority of all the Voting Interests in the manner provided by Section 718.112(2)(j), Florida Statutes.

Section 6. In the event of a vacancy on the Board by reason of death, resignation or otherwise, a majority of the Board is authorized to fill the vacancy until the next annual meeting. Subject to the provisions of 718.301, Florida Statutes, only the developer may vote to fill a vacancy on the Board previously occupied by a member elected or appointed by the developer. Only Unit Owners other than the developer may vote to fill a vacancy on the Board previously occupied by a member elected by Unit Owners other than the developer.

Section 7. Annual meetings of the Board shall be held immediately following the annual meeting of the members and at the same place. Special meetings of the Board may be called by the President, Secretary, or a majority of the Board upon written notice by telegram, personal delivery or by United States mail to each Director sent at least two (2) days prior to the date of the meeting.

#### **ARTICLE VIII - BYLAWS**

The Bylaws of the Association are to be made or approved by the Board of Directors initially and thereafter may be amended, altered, modified or rescinded by the action or approval of the members of the Association, except that any such change of the Bylaws shall not affect the rights or interest of the Developer of the Condominium or the mortgagees of any Condominium Property or Unit without the written consent of the Developer or the mortgagee, respectively, to the extent such written consent may be required by the Developer or mortgagee, pursuant to section 718.110(11), Florida Statutes, and Article 25 of the Declaration. The manner of altering, modifying, amending or rescinding the Bylaws shall be provided for in the Bylaws.

#### ARTICLE IX - AMENDMENTS TO THESE ARTICLES

Section 1. Amendments to these Articles of Incorporation shall be proposed to the membership of the Association in writing. An affirmative vote of at least two-thirds (2/3) of the Total Voting Interests of the Association shall be necessary to amend the Articles of Incorporation.

Section 2. No amendment shall be made that is in conflict with the Condominium Act or the Declaration of Condominium of the Condominium governed by this Association.

#### **ARTICLE X - VOTING**

Section 1. Each Unit shall be entitled to one vote. Any Unit owned by more than one person or by a corporation, partnership, or trust shall be entitled to only one vote, to be cast by a designee of the holder or holders. If the designation is not filed with the Secretary prior to the commencement of the meeting in which the vote may be exercised, the Unit shall not be voted. The designation may be drawn to apply to a specific meeting or to any and all meetings until revoked by the Owner or Owners of the Unit.

Section 2. Votes may be cast either in person or by limited proxy except for the election or recall of a board member or when prohibited by Florida Condominium Act or Florida Statutes. No power of attorney may be used for purposes of voting. In no event shall any proxy be valid for a period of longer than ninety (90) days after the date of the first meeting for which it was given. Every proxy is revocable at any time at the pleasure of the Unit Owner executing it. All proxies and voting trust agreements must be in writing and filed with the Secretary before the convening for each meeting. Any proxy given shall be effective only for the specific meeting for which originally given and any lawfully adjourned meeting thereof. A proxy shall automatically terminate upon conveyance of the Voting Representative's Unit.

<u>Section 3.</u> All members of the Association shall be entitled to vote upon matters affecting the Association, its property, and other possessory interests or uses and election of Directors.

<u>Section 4.</u> A membership shall be deemed in "good standing" upon evidence of ownership of a Condominium Unit and membership shall pass as an appurtenance thereto.

#### **ARTICLE XI - ADDITIONAL PROVISIONS**

<u>Section 1.</u> No officer, Director or member shall be personally liable for any debt or other obligation of the Association, except as provided in the Declaration of Condominium.

Section 2. The Association shall not be operated for profit. No Associations funds may be distributed to Members except as authorized by Chapter 617 or Chapter 718, Florida Statutes. The Association may pay compensation in a reasonable amount to its members, Directors or officers for services rendered, may confer benefits upon its members in conformity with its purpose, and upon dissolution or final liquidation may make distributions to its members as permitted by the court having jurisdiction thereof, and no such payment, benefit or distribution shall be deemed to be a dividend or distribution of income.

Section 3. Where the context of these Articles permits, the use of the plural shall include the singular and the singular shall include the plural, and the use of any gender shall be deemed to include all genders. The terms used herein shall have the same meanings as provided in Article 2 of the Declaration of Condominium unless the context dictates otherwise. The term "days" shall refer to calendar days unless otherwise provided.

#### **ARTICLE XII - SEVERABILITY**

Should any paragraph, sentence, phrase, or portion thereof, of any provision of these Articles or of the Bylaws or rules and regulations be held invalid, it shall not affect the validity of the remaining parts thereof or of the remaining instruments.

### ARTICLE XIII - APPOINTMENT OF AGENT FOR SERVICE OF PROCESS

Pursuant to Section 48.091, Florida Statutes, JEAN ANN KOLINCHAK, is appointed agent for service of process upon PALM ISLAND CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, INC.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the subscribing incorporators have hereunto set their hands and seals and caused these Articles of Incorporation to be executed this 12 day of November, 2008.  Lean Ann Kolinchak  Gerard A. Bernotas
STATE OF FLORIDA COUNTY OF MANATEE
I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this day before me, the undersigned authority, personally appeared Jean Ann Kolinchak and Gerard A. Bernotas, to me known to be the persons described as subscribers in, and who executed the foregoing Articles of Incorporation, as their own free act and deed.  WITNESS my hand and official seal at Bradenton, Florida, this day of November, 2008. Nonstee Co.
Helen D. Moore Notary Public
My commission expires:
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NOTARY PUBLIC STATE OF FLORIDA Helen D. Moore Comm. #D 0 688297 Comm. Exp. July 20, 2011

## CERTIFICATE OF DESIGNATION REGISTERED AGENT/REGISTERED OFFICE

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 607.0501, 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:

PALM ISLAND CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, INC.

2. The name and address of the registered agent and office is:

JEAN ANN KOLINCHAK P.O. Box 1501, Bradenton, Florida 34206, U.S.A.

2311 Manatee Avenue West, #2, Bradenton,
Florida 34205,

SIGNATURE:

TITLE: President

DATE: NOU 12, 2008

HAVING BEEN NAMED AS REGISTERED AGENT AND TO ACCEPT SERVICE OF PROCESS FOR THE ABOVE STATED CORPORATION AT THE PLACE DESIGNATED IN THIS CERTIFICATE, I HEREBY ACCEPT THE APPOINTMENT AS REGISTERED AGENT AND AGREE TO ACT IN THIS CAPACITY. I FURTHER AGREE TO COMPLY WITH THE PROVISIONS OF ALL STATUTES, RELATING TO THE PROPER AND COMPLETE PERFORMANCE OF MY DUTIES, AND I AM FAMILIAR WITH AND ACCEPT THE OBLIGATIONS OF MY POSITION AS REGISTERED AGENT.

SIGNATURE:

DATE:

**REGISTERED AGENT FILING FEE: \$35.00**