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RE: Estero Historical Society, Inc.

Dear Sir:

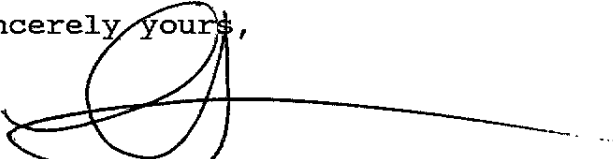
Enclosed please find an original and one copy of the Articles of Incorporation of Estero Historical Society, Inc. together with a check in the sum of \$122.50 representing the following:

Filing Fees	\$35.00
Certified Copy	\$52.50
Registered Agent	
Designation	<u>\$35.00</u>

Once the Articles have been approved and file, please forward a certified copy to this office.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely yours,


William H. Grace

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ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

SECRETARY OF STATE
TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA

OF

ESTERO HISTORICAL SOCIETY, INC.
A NONPROFIT FLORIDA CORPORATION

ARTICLE I

The name of this corporation is ESTERO HISTORICAL SOCIETY, INC., a Nonprofit Florida Corporation.

ARTICLE II

This corporation shall exist perpetually.

ARTICLE III

The name and residence of the Incorporators are as follows:

HELEN M. STRAUB, 20621 Pine Tree Lane, Estero, FL 33928
JEAN PRYAL, 22367 Fountain Lakes Blvd., Estero, FL 33928
YVONNE BENJAMIN, 20840 Country Creek #314, Estero, FL 33928

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

ARTICLE IV

This corporation is organized to collect, preserve and interpret the history of Estero, Florida and for such other charitable purposes, including, for such purposes, the making of distributions to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

ARTICLE V

No part of the net earnings of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its members, trustees, 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 the purposes set forth in Article IV hereof. 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 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 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 corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

ARTICLE VI

Upon the dissolution of the corporation, assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or shall be distributed to such an organization for a public purpose. Any such asset not so disposed of shall be disposed of by the Circuit Court of the county in which the principal office of the corporation is then located, exclusively for such purposes.

ARTICLE VII

The affairs of the corporation are to be managed initially by a Board of Directors. Subsequent Boards shall be composed of any odd number of Directors up to five. Board members must be members in good standing of the ESTERO HISTORICAL SOCIETY, INC.

ARTICLE VIII

The names and addresses of the persons constituting the first Board of Directors are as follows:

HELEN M. STRAUB, 20621 Pine Tree Lane, Estero, FL 33928
JEAN PRYAL, 22367 Fountain Lakes Blvd., Estero, FL 33928
YVONNE BENJAMIN, 20840 Country Creek #314, Estero, FL 33928

ARTICLE IX

The street address of the initial registered office and the principal office of the corporation is: 20621 Pine Tree Lane, Estero, FL 33928 and the initial registered agent at that address is: HELEN M. STRAUB.

ARTICLE X

This corporation is organized, and shall be operated, on a non-stock basis. The qualifications for members except as set forth herein, and the manner of their admission shall be regulated by the By-Laws of the corporation.

ARTICLE XI

The Directors, by majority vote, are authorized to establish By-Laws for the corporation not inconsistent with these Articles of Incorporation, and to amend same from time to time.

ARTICLE XII

This corporation reserves the right to amend or repeal any provisions contained in these Articles of Incorporation.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned subscriber has executed these Articles of Incorporation this 8th day of November, 1999.

Helen M. Straub
HELEN M. STRAUB

Jean J. Pryal
JEAN PRYAL

Yvonne Benjamin
YVONNE BENJAMIN

STATE OF FLORIDA

COUNTY OF LEE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this 8th day of November, 1999, before me, an officer duly qualified to take acknowledgments personally appeared, HELEN M. STRAUB, known to me and known to be the persons who executed the foregoing Articles of Incorporation, and who acknowledged before me that they executed those Articles of Incorporation for the uses and purposes therein expressed, who are personally known to me or who have produced FL. DRIVER'S LICENSE as identification and who did take an oath and who executed the foregoing and acknowledged before me that they executed the same.

WITNESS my hand and official seal in the County and State aforesaid this 8th day of November, 1999.

EVA M. MCCONNELL
PRINT NAME OF NOTARY PUBLIC

Eva M. McConnell
NOTARY PUBLIC

My Commission Expires:

(SEAL)



STATE OF FLORIDA

COUNTY OF LEE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this 8th day of November, 1999, before me, an officer duly qualified to take acknowledgments personally appeared, JEAN PRYAL, known to me and known to be the persons who executed the foregoing Articles of Incorporation, and who acknowledged before me that they executed those Articles of Incorporation for the uses and purposes therein expressed, who are personally known to me or who have produced FL. DRIVERS License as identification and who did take an oath and who executed the foregoing and acknowledged before me that they executed the same.

WITNESS my hand and official seal in the County and State aforesaid this 8th day of November, 1999.

EVA M. McCONNELL
PRINT NAME OF NOTARY PUBLIC

Eva M. McConnell
NOTARY PUBLIC

My Commission Expires:

(SEAL)



Eva M. McConnell
Commission # CC 770725
Expires SEP. 8, 2002
BONDED THRU
ATLANTIC BONDING CO., INC.

STATE OF FLORIDA

COUNTY OF LEE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this 8th day of November, 1999, before me, an officer duly qualified to take acknowledgments personally appeared, YVONNE BENJAMIN, known to me and known to be the persons who executed the foregoing Articles of Incorporation, and who acknowledged before me that they executed those Articles of Incorporation for the uses and purposes therein expressed, who are personally known to me or who have produced FL. DRIVERS License as identification and who did take an oath and who executed the foregoing and acknowledged before me that they executed the same.

WITNESS my hand and official seal in the County and State aforesaid this 8th day of November, 1999.

Eva M. McConnell
PRINT NAME OF NOTARY PUBLIC

Eva M. McConnell
NOTARY PUBLIC

My Commission Expires:


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ATLANTIC BONDING CO., INC.

ACCEPTANCE OF REGISTERED AGENT

Having been named to accept service of process for the above stated corporation, at the place designated in these Articles of Incorporation, I hereby agree to act in this capacity, and I further agree to comply with the provisions of all statutes relative to the proper and complete performance of my duties.


HELEN M. STRAUB

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