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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR CITRUS COUNTY, FLORIDA

THOMAS ACRES, INC., a Florida Corporation for-Profit, Plaintiff, CASE NO: 2019 CA 000961 A

CIVIL DIVISION

v.

LAUREL M. LEE, as Secretary for the FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE, Defendant.

ORDER VACATING DISSOLUTION OF THOMAS ACRES, INC., A FLORIDA CORPORATION

THIS MATTER came before the Court on Plaintiff, THOMAS ACRES, INC.'s unopposed Complaint to vacate the dissolution of THOMAS ACRES, INC., a Florida Corporation ("THOMAS ACRES"). Having considered the <u>Verified Complaint for Emergency</u> <u>Writ of Mandamus</u> filed by Plaintiff and the <u>Response to Alternative Writ of Mandamus</u> filed by Defendant, LAUREL M. LEE, as Florida Secretary of State and head of the FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE (the "Department"), and being otherwise informed of the matters properly before the Court, the Court finds as follows:

1. THOMAS ACRES was formed as a for-profit corporation on January 1, 1972 in the State of Florida.

2. THOMAS ACRES operated continuously since the date of incorporation.

3. Articles of Dissolution of THOMAS ACRES were erroneously filed with the Department on August 27, 2018.

4. THOMAS ACRES has continued to operate its cattle business subsequent to the date of filing of the Articles of Dissolution.

5. THOMAS ACRES anticipates continuing the operation of its cattle business through THOMAS ACRES long into the future.

6. It is necessary to have the Articles of Dissolution for THOMAS ACRES withdrawn, *nunc pro tunc* to August 27, 2018.

7. The Department filed its <u>Response to Alternative Writ of Mandamus</u> with this Court on January 10, 2020. The Department in its <u>Response to Alternative Writ of Mandamus</u> stated the following:

If the Court orders Thomas Acres not dissolved and reinstated *nunc pro tunc* to August 27, 2018, the Department will file and effectuate the order.

It is therefore ORDERED AND ADJUDGED:

A. The Court finds that the Articles of Dissolution for THOMAS ACRES filed with the Department on August 27, 2018 were filed under a mistake of fact and it was not the intent to dissolve THOMAS ACRES. The Court finds the Articles of Dissolution a nullity, void *ab initio*, and of no force or effect.

B. THOMAS ACRES shall file all necessary documents and pay all necessary costs to reinstate THOMAS ACRES with the Department.

C. Accordingly, THOMAS ACRES is not dissolved, but rather shall be deemed to have been an active corporation dating back to, and since, the date of filing the Articles of Dissolution – August 27, 2018.

D. The Court recognizes that THOMAS ACRES will present this Order to the Department for purposes of reinstating THOMAS ACRES as an active corporation.

E. The Court hereby authorizes and directs the Department to effectuate the reinstatement of THOMAS ACRES as of August 27, 2018.

DONE AND ORDERED in Chambers, at Inverness, Citrus County, Florida, on this

_______ day of _______, 2020. S,

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CAROL A. FALVEY CIRCUIT JUDGE

This Order Prepared By: J. Stephen Pullum, Esq. Florida Bar No. 0213993

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I HEREBY CERTIFY that a true copy of the foregoing <u>Order Vacating Dissolution of</u> <u>Thomas Acres, Inc., a Florida corporation</u>, has been furnished to the following by regular U.S. Mail or by electronic mail this $\underline{\gamma}$ day of \underline{Feh} , 2020:

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