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# Department of Environmental Protection

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Tallahassee, Florida 32399-3000

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March 1, 2000

Mr. David Mann, Director  
Division of Corporations  
Department of State  
Post Office Box 6327  
Tallahassee, FL 32314

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Dear Mr. Mann:

This letter is to certify to you that Friends of the Crystal River state Archaeological Site, 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.

Sincerely,

Fran P. Mainella, CLP  
Director  
Division of Recreation and Parks

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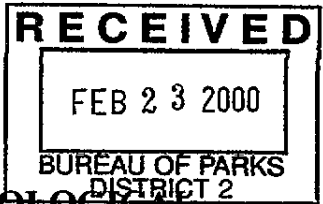
Attachments

Pursuant to F.S. 617.0122  
this filing is exempt from  
any filing fees required for  
incorporation as a non profit  
organization when certified by the  
Dept of Environmental Protection

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**ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF  
FRIENDS OF THE CRYSTAL RIVER STATE ARCHAEOLOGICAL  
SITE, INC.,  
A NON-PROFIT FLORIDA CORPORATION,  
CITIZENS SUPPORT ORGANIZATION FOR THE CRYSTAL RIVER STATE  
ARCHAEOLOGICAL SITE**

**ARTICLE I  
NAME**

The name of this corporation is FRIENDS OF THE CRYSTAL RIVER STATE ARCHAEOLOGICAL SITE, INC., a non-profit Florida corporation.

**ARTICLE II  
TERMS OF EXISTENCE**

The date and time of the commencement of the corporate existence of the corporation shall be as of the time of the filing of the Articles of Incorporation by the Department of State for the State of Florida, and this corporation shall exist perpetually, unless sooner dissolved by the affirmative vote of at least two-thirds of its members thereof by operation of law (FS 258.015).

**ARTICLE III  
INCORPORATORS**

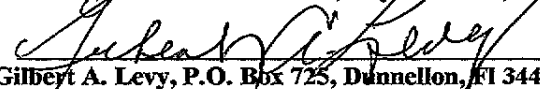
The name and residence of the Incorporators are as follows:

  
Mary L. Craig, P.O. Box 734, Inverness, FL 34451

  
Robin L. Denson, 220 N. Kensington Avenue, Lecanto, FL 34461

  
Gary D. Ellis, 2215 W. Deer Trail Lane, Lecanto, FL 34461

  
Ouida White, 1130 14<sup>th</sup> Street NW, Crystal River, FL 34428

  
Gilbert A. Levy, P.O. Box 725, Dunnellon, FL 34430

**ARTICLE IV  
PURPOSE**

This corporation is organized for charitable purposes within the meaning of Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, including, for such

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purposes, the making of distributions to organization that qualify as exempt organizations under Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

The corporation is organized to provide recognition and foster grassroots support, to promote awareness, to preserve the cultural, historical and archaeological resources; More particularly, to conduct programs and activities, sponsor research, sponsor promotions, raise funds, request and receive grants, gifts, contributions, dues and bequests of money, real and personal property; acquire, receive, hold, invest, and administer, in its own name, securities, funds, objects of value, and other property, real or personal; and make expenditures and distributions to or for the benefits of the properties under the management of the Florida Department of Environmental Protection, Division of Recreation and Parks, Crystal River State Archaeological Site, including the Yulee Sugar Mill Ruins, the Crystal River State Archaeological Site, and Roberts Island.

#### **ARTICLE V**

#### **PUBLICLY SUPPORTED TAX-EXEMPT NON-PROFIT CORPORATION**

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 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**

#### **DISSOLUTION**

1. Upon the dissolution of the corporation, assets shall be distributed to the Florida Department of Environmental Protection, Division of Recreation and Parks or its successor, to be used exclusively for the purposes hereinabove 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.

## **ARTICLE IX ADMINISTRATION**

This corporation is organized and shall be operated on a non-stock basis.

## **ARTICLE X MEMBERSHIP**

1. The Corporation shall consist of persons, including individuals, families, and as otherwise provided in the by-laws. All persons who are interested in the purposes of the Corporation shall be eligible to membership. For proper reasons and cause defined in the Bylaws and after reasonable notice and board meeting, the membership of any person may be terminated by the Board of Directors. Failure to pay membership dues as required under the by-laws shall be sufficient cause for termination of membership.

2. Membership classes shall be prescribed in the bylaws; provided, however, that the right to vote at meetings of the corporation shall be limited to voting members as designated in the Corporation by-laws.

3. The corporation shall provide for equal membership and employment opportunities to all persons regardless of race, color, religion, age, natural origin or disability.

## **ARTICLE XI BY-LAWS**

The Directors, by 2/3 majority vote, are authorized to establish Bylaws for the corporation not inconsistent with these Articles of Incorporation, and to amend same from time to time.

## **ARTICLE XII AMENDMENTS TO ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION**

The corporation reserves the right to amend or repeal any provisions contained in these Articles of Incorporation. Amendments to the Articles of Incorporation shall be proposed by the Board of Directors in the form of a resolution, which must be adopted by a two-thirds majority vote of all members present at any meeting of the membership called for that purpose pursuant to the requirements of such meetings in the Bylaws. Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, amendments which are required or advisable to obtain or maintain the corporation's tax exempt status may nevertheless be adopted at a meeting of the Board of Directors by a unanimous vote of the directors then in office.

2. In the event one or more replicative organizations that meet section 1 are not identified within a term specified by the Bylaws, the corporation assets shall be distributed to one or more organizations which themselves are exempt as organizations 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).

3. Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, the assets of the corporation are hereby irrevocably dedicated to charitable use; accordingly, in the event the Florida Department of Environmental Protection, Division of Recreation and Parks or its successor fails to accept the corporation's assets upon dissolution, the residual assets of the corporation shall be turned over to one or more organizations which themselves are exempt as organizations 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).

## **ARTICLE VII BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

1. The affairs of the corporation are to be managed initially by a Board of Initial Directors of five (5) who are the incorporators in Article 3.

2. Additional Directors in any odd number may be added to the Board as set forth in the duly adopted Bylaws. Directors shall be elected annually by the members according to the Bylaws that may be in existence from time to time.

3. The initial officers of the corporation shall be the President, the Vice President, the Secretary, the Treasurer, and such other officers and assistant officers as may be created from time to time by the Board of Directors. The officers shall be elected annually by the Board of Directors.

## **ARTICLE VIII INITIAL PRINCIPAL OFFICE, MAILING ADDRESS AND REGISTERED AGENT**

The street and mailing address of the initial registered office is:

538 North Citrus Avenue  
Crystal River, Florida 34428

and the initial registered agent at that address is:

Richard Corcoran, Esq.

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**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, the undersigned subscriber has executed these Articles of Incorporation this 11th day of February, ~~1999~~ 2000

**STATE OF FLORIDA  
COUNTY OF CITRUS**

**BEFORE ME**, the undersigned, a Notary Public authorized to take acknowledgments in the State and County aforesaid, personally appeared, the incorporators, known to me and known to be the persons who executed the foregoing Articles of Incorporation, and who is personally known to me or who has produced Florida Drivers License as identification and who did take an oath.

**WITNESS** my hand and seal this 11th day of February, ~~1999~~ 2000

Katharine Sue Smith  
Print Name of Notary Public

My Commission Expires: May 7, 2002

Katharine Sue Smith  
**NOTARY PUBLIC**



Final Draft passed by Board of Initial Directors, majority vote on 1/6/2000

**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.

  
Richard Corcoran, Esq.

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