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February 22, 2000

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

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Re: FRIENDS OF LAKE OKEECHOBEE, INC.

To whom it may concern:

Enclosed is an original and one copy of the ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION of the above-referenced non-profit corporation to be filed in your office. Please return a Certified Copy and Certificate of Status to my office in the enclosed envelope.

My check payable to Department of State in the amount of \$87.50 is enclosed for your fee.

Thank you for your kind attention. If there is anything further you may require, please contact my office.

Sincerely yours,

RICHARD S. JACKSON, ESQUIRE

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ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

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SECRETARY OF STATE TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA

FRIENDS OF LAKE OKEECHOBEE, INC. A Non-Profit Corporation

The undersigned subscribers of these Articles of Incorporation, being natural persons competent to contract, hereby subscribe to and form a corporation not for profit under the laws of the State of Florida.

Name and Principal Office

The name of the corporation is Friends of Lake Okeechobee, Inc., a Non-Profit Corporation. Its principal address shall be 2252 SW 22nd Circle N., Okeechobee, Florida 34974. Its mailing address shall be 2252 SW 22nd Circle N., Okeechobee, Florida 34974.

ARTICLE II Duration

The corporation is to exist perpetually, with commencement at the time of filing these Articles.

ARTICLE III Purpose

The purpose or purposes for which the coprotation is organized are:

- 1. To promote the restoration and preservation of the ecology of Lake Okeechobee and its tributaries.
- 2. To transact any other lawful business for which corporations may be incorporated under the Florida General Corporation Act, or engage in any other trade or business which can, in the opinion of the Board of Directors of the corporation, be advantageously carried on in connection with or auxillary to the foregoing.
- 3. To do such other things that are incidental to the foregoing or necessary or desirable to accomplish the foregoing.

ARTICLE IV Qualification

Any person eighteen (18) years of age and over, evidencing support for the goals of the organization, may be accepted to regular membership on approval of the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE V Registered Agent and Address of Registered Office

The name of the initial registered agent of the corporation is DANNY MULLINS and the street address of the initial registered office of the corporation is 2319 S.W. 21st Street, Okeechobee, Florida 34974.

ARTICLE VI Directors

The number of the members constituting the initial Board of Directors shall be 4 and the names and addresses of the persons who are to serve as the initial directors are:

NAME ADDRESS

CARROLL HEAD	2252 S.W. 22nd	Circle N. Okeechobee, FL 34974
DANNY MULLINS	2319 S.W. 21st	Street, Okeechobee, FL 34974
LARRY HARRIS	12836 Longford	Road, North Palm Beach, FL 33408E
LOUISE HEAD	_2252 S.W. 22nd	Circle N. Okeechobee, FL 34974

The method by which the directors shall be appointed or elected in the future will be stated in the Bylaws of the corporation.

ARTICLE VII Incorporators

The name and addresses of the incorporators of this corporation are:

NAME ADDRESS

CARROLL HEAD	2252 S.W. 22nd	Circle N. Okeechobee, FL 34974
DANNY MULLINS	2319 S.W. 21st	Street, Okeechobee, FL 34974
LARRY HARRIS	12836 Longford	Road, North Palm Beach, FL 33408E
LOUISE HEAD	2252 S.W. 22nd	Circle N. Okeechobee, FL 34974

ARTICLE VII Stock

This corporation is organized under a non-stock basis.

ARTICLE IX Dissolution

In the event of dissolution, the residual assets of the organization will be turned over to one or more organizations which support the goals of restoration and preservation of the ecology within the State of Florida, or to the Federal, State or local government for exclusive public purpose consistent with said goals.

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Incorporator/Registered Agent

I hereby accept designation as registered agent.

STATE OF FLORIDA COUNTY OF OKEECHOBEE

BEFORE ME, a Notary Public authorized in the State and County set forth above, personally appeared <u>Larry Harris</u>, known to me and known by me to be the person who, as an Incorporator, executed the foregoing Articles of Incorporation of the Friends of Lake Okeechobee, A Non-Profit Corporation, and he acknowledged before me that he executed those Articles of Incorporation.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal in the State and County aforesaid this 17th day of

February, 2000, Mon

Notary Public, State of Florida

Sharon J. Kos Notary's Printed Name My Commission Expires:

STATE OF FLORIDA COUNTY OF OKEECHOBEE

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SHARON J KOS
NOTARY PUBLIC STATE OF FLORIDA
COMMISSION NO. CC990102
MY COMMISSION RXP. DEC. 17,2003

BEFORE ME, a Notary Public authorized in the State and County set forth above, personally appeared <u>Carroll Head</u>, known to me and known by me to be the person who, as an Incorporator, executed the foregoing Articles of Incorporation of the Friends of Lake Okeechobee, A Non-Profit Corporation, and he acknowledged before me that he executed those Articles of Incorporation.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal in the State and County aforesaid this 17th day of February 2000.

Notary Public, State of Florida

Sharon J. Kos Notary's Printed Name My Commission Expires:

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STATE OF FLORIDA COUNTY OF OKEECHOBEE

BEFORE ME, a Notary Public authorized in the State and County set forth above, personally appeared Louise Head , known to me and known by me to be the person who, as an Incorporator, executed the foregoing Articles of Incorporation of the Friends of Lake Okeechobee, A Non-Profit Corporation, and he acknowledged before me that he executed those Articles of Incorporation.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal in the State and County aforesaid this $\frac{17th}{day}$ day of

February, 2000.

Notary Public, State of Florida

Sharon J. Kos Notary's Printed Name My Commission Expires:

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SHARON J KOS
NOTARY PUBLIC STATE OF FLORIDA
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STATE OF FLORIDA COUNTY OF OKEECHOBEE

BEFORE ME, a Notary Public authorized in the State and County set forth above, personally appeared <u>Danny Mullins</u>, known to me and known by me to be the person who, as an Incorporator, executed the foregoing Articles of Incorporation of the Friends of Lake Okeechobee, A Non-Profit Corporation, and he acknowledged before me that he executed those Articles of Incorporation.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal in the State and County aforesaid this 17th day of

February 2000: 300

Notary Public, State of Florida

Sharon J. Kos Notary's Printed Name My Commission Expires:

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