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

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SUBJECT: The Friends of the North County Public Library, Inc. (PROPOSED CORPORATE NAME - MUST INCLUDE SUFFIX)

Enclosed is an original and one (1) copy of the articles of incorporation and a check for:

\$70.00 Filing Fee

\$78.75 Filing Fee &

Certificate of

Status

\$78.75

Filing Fee & Certified Copy \$87.50 Filing Fee,

Certified Copy

& Certificate

ADDITIONAL COPY REQUIRED

Ira S. Wiesner, Esq. FROM:

Name (Printed or typed)

1800 Second Street, Suite 870

Address

Sarasota, Florida 34236

City, State & Zip

(941) 365-9900

Daytime Telephone number

NOTE: Please provide the original and one copy of the articles.

ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

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<u>OF</u>

THE FRIENDS OF THE NORTH COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY, INC.

A Non-Profit Corporation

The undersigned, a natural person competent to contract, acting as incorporator of a corporation pursuant to Chapter 617 of the Florida Statutes, adopts the following Articles of Incorporation:

ARTICLE 1

NAME: The name of this Corporation is THE FRIENDS OF THE NORTH COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY, INC.

ARTICLE 2

ADDRESS OF PRINCIPAL OFFICE: The Corporation's business and mailing address shall be: c/o Wiesner Associates Chartered, Suite 870, 1800 Second Street, Sarasota, Florida 34236.

ARTICLE 3

<u>GENERAL PURPOSES</u>: This corporation is a not for profit corporation, organized solely for charitable and educational purposes pursuant to the Florida Corporations Not for Profit Act set forth in chapter 617, Florida Statutes.

SPECIFIC PURPOSES: The specific nature of the objects and purposes of this Corporation shall be:

- 1. To support and promote the interests and activities of the **NORTH COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY** and its staff.
- 2. To raise funds to enhance the library's book and other materials collections and to provide quality programming and services for patrons of all ages and backgrounds to encourage lifetime learning and good citizenship.

- 3. To help promote the services and resources of the library to the community.
- 4. To cooperate with other organizations and with the Sarasota County Library Advisory Board in order to exchange useful information, share in technical services, and coordinate planning and programming efforts.

OVERRIDING PURPOSES: To do and engage in any and all lawful activities that may be incidental to, or reasonably necessary for, any of the foregoing purposes.

ARTICLE 4

BOARD OF DIRECTORS: The manner in which the directors are elected or appointed shall be set forth in the by-laws. The names and business addresses of the initial directors shall be:

- 1. Nancy Allen, 2600 14th Ave. South, St. Petersburg, Florida 33712
- 2. Edward Besley, 3196 Crystal Lakes Ct., Sarasota, Florida 34235
- 3. Gloria Besley, 3196 Crystal Lakes Ct., Sarasota, Florida 34235
- 4. Jerome Dupree, 1432 17th Street, Sarasota, Florida 34229
- 5. Laura Mills, 4517 Ascot Circle S., Sarasota, Florida 34235
- 6. Cynthia Porter, 1751 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Way, Sarasota, Florida 34234
- 7. Mary Schmid, 1750 Ben Franklin Dr., 12 F, Sarasota, Florida 34228
- 8. Pauline Hodges, 1751 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Way, Sarasota, Florida 34234
- 9. Mercedes Seymour, P.O. Box 18929, Sarasota, Florida 34276
- 10. Peter Horstman, 227 Central Avenue, Sarasota, Florida 34236
- 11. John Newcomer, 1649 Pine Harrier Circle, Sarasota, Florida 34231
- 12. Carolyn Mason, 1565 First Street, Sarasota, Florida 34236
- 13. Pattie Lanier, 2315 McClennan Pkwy., Sarasota, Florida 34239
- 14. Warren Eastman, 259 Woods Point, Sarasota, Florida 34229
- 15. Joyce Mintzer, 101 S. Gulfstream, Sarasota, Florida 34236
- 16. Marvin Mills, 4517 Ascot Circle S., Sarasota, Florida 34235

MANNER OF ELECTION; TERM: The initial directors shall continue as directors until resignation, removal, or term expiration, as provided in the by-laws. Methods for election or appointment of new directors shall be provided in the by-laws. Pursuant to

Florida Statute §617.0803, the number of directors of this corporation shall be three (3) or more.

ARTICLE 5

LIMITATIONS ON CORPORATION ACTIONS: This Corporation shall issue no stock. No part of the net earnings of this Corporation shall inure to the benefit of or be distributable to its members, directors, officers or other private persons except that this 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 these Articles. No substantial part of the activities of this Corporation shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting, to influence legislation. This Corporation shall not participate or intervene in any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office, including the publishing or distribution of statements. Notwithstanding any other provision of these Articles, this Corporation shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on by a Corporation exempt from Federal income tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue law, or by a Corporation, contributions to which are deductible under Section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue law. On the dissolution of this Corporation the Board of Directors shall dispose of all of the assets of this Corporation exclusively for the purposes of this Corporation or to one or more other organizations that are organized and operated exclusively for charitable, educational, religious or scientific purposes and that shall at the time qualify as exempt organizations under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue aw, after paying or making provisions for the payment of all liabilities of this Corporation. Any assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by a court of competent jurisdiction in the county where the principal office of this Corporation is then located exclusively for the purposes or to the organizations that the court determines are organized and operated exclusively for charitable, educational, religious or scientific purposes.

ARTICLE 6

LIMITATION ON CORPORATE POWERS: In addition to those limitations set forth in Article 5 herein and limitations on corporate powers pursuant to Florida law,

- 1. the Corporation will distribute its income for each tax year at such time and in such manner as not to become subject to the tax on undistributed income imposed by Section 4942 of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code, and
- 2. the Corporation will not engage in any act of self-dealing as defined in Section 4941(d) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code, and
- 3. the Corporation will not retain any excess business holdings as defined in Section 4943(c) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code, and
- 4. the Corporation will not make any investments in such manner as to subject it to tax under Section 4944 of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code, and
- 5. the Corporation will not make any taxable expenditures as defined in Section 4945(d) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

ARTICLE 7

OFFICERS: Officers of this Corporations shall be elected and shall serve as provided in the by-laws.

ARTICLE 8

INITIAL REGISTERED AGENT AND STREET ADDRESS: The initial street address of the registered office of this Corporation in the State of Florida is: 1800 Second Street, Suite 870, Sarasota, Florida 34236. The Board of Directors may from time to time

move the registered office to any other address in Florida. The initial registered agent at aforesaid address shall be Ira Stewart Wiesner, Esquire. The registered agent's acceptance of his position appears at the end of these Articles of Incorporation.

ARTICLE 9

MEMBERSHIP: The Corporation shall have a membership distinct from the Board of Directors. The authorized number and qualifications of the members of this Corporation, the manner of their admission, the different classes of membership, if any, the property, voting and other rights and privileges of members, and their liability for dues and assessments and the method of collection thereof, shall be set forth in the Bylaws.

ARTICLE 10

INCORPORATOR: The name and street address of the Incorporator of these

Articles of Incorporation is as follows:

Ira Stewart Wiesner 1800 Second Street, Suite 870 Sarasota, Florida 34236

ARTICLE 11

DURATION OF CORPORATION: The duration of this Corporation shall be perpetual. This Corporation's existence shall begin upon the filing of these original Articles of Incorporation with the State of Florida.

These Articles of Incorporation, and any subsequent restatement or amendment hereof, may be amended by Resolution adopted and unanimously approved by the Board of Directors.

Ira Stewart Wiesner

"Incomporator"

STATE OF FLORIDA COUNTY OF SARASOTA

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged over the control of the	Name: Notary Public, State of Florida Commission Expires: Commission No.:
ACCEPTANCE OF REGISTERED AGENT	
Having been named Registered Agent to accept service of process for the above-stated Corporation at registered office designated in the Articles, I hereby accept such designation and agree to serve as Registered Agent. Ira Stewart Wiesner, Esquire	
STATE OF FLORIDA COUNTY OF SARASOTA	PH IS:
The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this	
Christine A Beans My Commission CC959915 Expires September 28, 2001	Name: Notary Public, State of Florida Commission Expires: Commission No.: