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Division of Corporations
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SUBJECT: BIG PINE Neighborhood Charter School Inc.

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

\$70.00 Filing Fee

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# ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF BIG PINE NEIGHBORHOOD CHARTER SCHOOL, INC., A NON-PROFIT CORPORATION

#### Article I. Name

The name of this not-for-profit Corporation is:

Big Pine Neighborhood Charter School Inc.

#### Article II. Address

The mailing address of the Corporation is:

Big Pine Neighborhood Charter School Inc. P.O. Box 432131 Big Pine Key, Florida 33043

# Article III. Purpose

To the extent permitted by Code Section 501 (c)(3), the Corporation is organized to operate a charter school on Big Pine Key, Monroe County, Florida, in accordance with the purposes and requirements for charter schools as set forth by the Florida Legislature, including but not limited to the following:

- a) The charter school shall be non-sectarian in its programs, admission policies, employment practices and operations.
- b) The charter school shall meet all applicable state and local health, safety, and civil rights requirements.
- c) The charter school shall not violate the anti-discrimination provisions of Florida Statutes.
- d) The charter school shall be subject to financial audits as provided by Florida Statutes.

If approved by the Board of Directors, the Corporation may engage in any other educational, scientific, or literary purposes.

#### Article IV. Membership

All persons interested in the purposes of the Corporation are eligible for membership in the Corporation if they are capable of contributing to the achievement of those purposes and the effective operation of the Corporation, and if they comply with the requirements established from time to time in the Bylaws. Members shall have no voting rights or other rights except as provided in the Bylaws.

#### Article V. Registered Agent

The name and address of the registered agent of the Corporation is:

Andrew M. Tobin Attorney at Law 88101 Overseas Highway Islamorada, Florida 33036

#### Article VI. Limitations

No part of the net earnings of the Corporation shall inure to the benefit of (or be distributable to) its directors, officers, members 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 any of its purposes. No substantial part of the activities of the Corporation shall be the carrying on of propaganda or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, except as otherwise provided in Code Section 501(h). The Corporation shall not participate or intervene in any political campaign (including the publishing or distributing of statements) on behalf of any candidate for public office. Notwithstanding any other provision of these Articles of Incorporation, the Corporation shall not carry on any activities except those permitted to be carried on by a corporation exempt from federal income tax under Code Section 501(c)(3) or by a corporation contributions to which are deductible under Code Section 170(c)(2).

If the Corporation is at any time deemed to be a private foundation within the meaning of Code Section 509(a), then for the period in which the Corporation is so deemed, the Corporation shall distribute its income for each tax year at such time and in such manner as not to subject the Corporation to tax under Code Section 4942, and the Corporation shall not engage in any act of self dealing, as defined in Code Section 4941(d), retain any excess business holdings as defined in Code Section 4943(c), make any investments as to subject the Corporation to tax under Code Section 4944 or make any taxable expenditures as defined in Code Section 4945(d).

#### Article VII. Board of Directors

The affairs of the Corporation shall be managed by a Board of Directors consisting of no less than three directors. The number of directors may be increased or decreased from time to time in accordance with the Bylaws of the Corporation, but may never be less than three. The election of directors shall be done in accordance with the Bylaws. The directors shall be protected from personal liability to the fullest extent permitted by law. The name of each initial member of the Corporation's Board of Directors is:

R. Duncan Mathewson III Ph.D. Hazel Hartman Judy Reece
Teresa Walker

Andrew M. Tobin Russell Moore Kelly Durrett Rosie Ladrie

# Article VIII, Incorporator

The name and address of the incorporator is:

R. Duncan Mathewson III Ph.D. 28509 Jolly Roger Dr. Little Torch Key, Florida 33042

#### Article IX. Dissolution

Upon the dissolution or winding up of the Corporation, the assets remaining after payment (or provision for payment) of the Corporation's debts and liabilities shall be distributed to a not-for-profit corporation, trust, community fund or foundation that has established its tax exempt status under Code Section 501(c)(3).

#### Article X. Corporate Existence

The corporate existence of the Corporation shall begin on the filing of these articles and shall exist perpetually.

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28509 Jolly Roger Dr.

Little Torch Key, Florida 33042

Date: 3/15 , 2001

# CERTIFICATE OF DESIGNATION REGISTERED AGENT/OFFICE

### CORPORATION:

Big Pine Neighborhood Charter School, Inc.

# REGISTERED AGENT/OFFICE:

Andrew M. Tobin Attorney at Law 88101 Overseas Highway Islamorada, Florida 33036



I agree to act as registered agent to accept service of process for the corporation named above at the place designated in this Certificate. I agree to comply with the provisions of all statutes relating to the proper and complete performance of the registered agent duties. I am familiar with and accept the obligations of the registered agent position.

Andrew M. Tobin Attorney at Law

Date:  $\frac{3/15}{2001}$