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ARTICLE I - NAME

Section 1 - Name

The name of the corporation shall be "NATIONAL SAVE OUR REEF FOUNDATION, INC."

ARTICLE II - PRINCIPAL OFFICE

Section 1 - Mailing Address

The mailing address of the corporation shall be P.O. Box 24443, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33307. A principal office shall be established in Broward County, Florida, by the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE III - PURPOSE

Section 1 - Importance of our Reef

The Florida coral reef is a unique, national resource. It is the most extensive living coral reef system in North American waters and the third largest system in the world. The rigidity of coral reefs helps protect the shoreline from destructive tropical storm waves. Reefs provide habitats for hundreds of species of marine organisms including commercially important finfish and shellfish. SCUBA diving, snorkeling, and sport fishing dominate the Keys' economy, producing millions of dollars annually in revenue for local businesses. Ecologically speaking,

coral reefs are diverse places, containing 22 of the 23 animal phyla found on the planet. Symbiotic relationships are common and add to the complexity of species interactions. Coral reefs are among the most productive habitats, producing 2,000 decagrams of carbon per square meter per year, and the oldest, 400 million years.

Coral reefs can be found in waters surrounding land masses that fit within a narrow range of physical parameters. Generally, reef-building corals are restricted to the tropics, the area between the Tropic of Cancer (Havana) and the Tropic of Capricorn (Rio de Janeiro). Tropical waters are generally warm, clear, low in nutrients, and have a stable temperature and salinity. Ocean currents can alter the physical characteristic of an area reducing or expanding the area where reefs may develop. The Florida Keys is one example in which the warm waters of the Gulf Stream expand the range of corals north of the tropics. Physical Requirements of Coral Reefs

- . High light -surface irradiance of 2,000 uE/sq m/s
- . High oxygen - 5.0-7.0 milligrams per liter
- . Low turbidity - 0.01-0.10 milligrams per liter
- . Low nutrients - 0.01 - 0.10uM {Nitrogen or Phosphorus}
- . Stable temperature - 18-30 degrees Celsius
- . Stable open ocean salinity - 33-36 parts per thousand

Section 2 - Threats to our Reef

The deterioration of the marine environment in Southeast Florida is no longer a matter of debate. Thousands of years of growth are being destroyed in a short time.

Storms, heat waves and other natural events can be blamed for some of the deterioration, but the activities of people are also responsible.

The most visible and familiar physical damage results from the carelessness or, on occasion, the deliberate recklessness of ship captains, boaters, divers, fishermen, snorkelers and beachgoers. In the period between 1980 and 1993, approximately 500 vessels were reported aground in the Looe Key and Key Largo Sanctuaries. But in the one year between July 1993 and June 1994, 500 groundings were documented in the Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary. These groundings have a cumulative effect on these resources. Over 19 acres of coral reef habitat has been damaged or destroyed by large ship groundings.

The nutrification of nearshore waters is a documented problem in the Sanctuary. A major source of excess nutrients is sewage. In the Florida Keys it comes from 200 sewage treatment plants, 22,000 septic tanks, 5,000 cesspools and 139 marinas harboring over 15,000 boats. These nutrients are carried through the region by more than 700 canals and channels. Removing nitrogen and phosphorous from wastewater requires a technology

that, at present, is lacking from sewage treatment facilities in the Keys.

Section 3 -

THE PURPOSE OF THE FOUNDATION IS TO EDUCATE THE POPULATION AND GOVERNMENTAL BODIES OF THE VALUE OF OUR REEF, THE DAMAGE BEING DONE TO OUR REEF, AND MEANS OF SAVING OUR REEF AND TO UNDERTAKE ALL EFFECTIVE MEANS TO THIS END.

ARTICLE IV - NOT FOR PROFIT

Section 1 - Compliance with Section 501(c) (3)

This corporation is organized exclusively for charitable, scientific and educational purposes as set forth in Article III, Section 3. To this end, the corporation shall at all times be operated exclusively for charitable purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as now enacted or hereafter amended, including, for such purposes, the making of distributions to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations under Section 501(c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as now enacted or hereafter amended. All funds, whether income or principal, and whether acquired by gift or contribution or otherwise, shall be devoted to said purposes.

At all times shall the following operate as conditions restricting the operations and activities of the corporation:

1. No part of the net earnings of the organization shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its members, trustees,

officers, or other private persons, except that the organization shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purpose set forth in the purpose clause hereof.

2. No substantial part of the activities of the corporation shall constitute the carrying on of propaganda or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, or any initiative or referendum before the public, and the corporation shall not participate in, or intervene in (including by publication or distribution of statements), any political campaign on behalf of, or in opposition to, any candidate for public office.

3. Notwithstanding any other provisions of this document, the organization shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by organization exempt from federal income tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or (b) by an organization, 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 V - DURATION

Section 1 - Perpetual Duration

The duration of the corporate existence shall be perpetual.

ARTICLE VI - MEMBERSHIP/BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 1 - Directors

The corporation shall have no members. The management of the affairs of the corporation shall be vested in a Board of Directors, as defined in the corporation's bylaws. No Director shall have any right, title, or interest in or to any property of the corporation.

The number of Directors constituting the first Board of Directors is three, their names and addresses being as follows:

Name: RICHARD J. MIESEN
Address: P.O. Box 24443, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33307

Name: JOHN E. WILBUR
Address: P.O. Box 24443, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33307

Name: EDWARD R. FINK
Address: 2000 S. Ocean Drive, PH 3, Fort Lauderdale, FL
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Members of the first Board of Directors shall serve until the first annual meeting, at which their successors are duly elected and qualified, or removed as provided in the bylaws.

ARTICLE VII - OFFICERS

The Board of Directors shall manage the affairs of the corporation through officers as set forth and elected in accordance with the bylaws. No officer shall have a right, title, or interest in any property of the corporation. The officers of the corporation to serve until the first annual meeting of the Directors are as follows:

President: RICHARD J. MIESEN

Treasurer: JOHN E. WILBUR

Secretary: EDWARD R. FINK

ARTICLE VIII - PERSONAL LIABILITY

No officer or Director of this corporation shall be personally liable for the debts or obligations of this corporation of any nature whatsoever, nor shall any of the property of the officers, or Directors be subject to the payment of the debts or obligations of this corporation.

ARTICLE IX - LIMITATION OF CORPORATE POWERS

The corporate powers of this corporation are as provided in Section 617.0302, Florida Statutes, subject to the following limitations:

No part of the net earnings of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of any private individual. No substantial part of its' activities will be carrying out propaganda or otherwise attempting to influence legislation. The corporation will 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, this corporation shall not, except to an insubstantial degree, engage in any activities or exercise any powers that are not in furtherance of the purposes of this corporation.

ARTICLE X - DISSOLUTION

Upon the dissolution of the organization, assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or shall be distributed to the federal government, or to a state or local government, for a public purpose. Any such assets not disposed of by the Board of Directors shall be distributed by the Circuit Court of the county in which the principal office of the organization is then located, exclusively for such purposes to such organization or organizations, as said court shall determine, which are organized and operated principally to protect coral reefs or marine sanctuaries.

ARTICLE XI - INITIAL REGISTERED AGENT AND STREET ADDRESS

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

EDWARD R. FINK

2000 S. Ocean Drive - PH 3, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33316-3810


ARTICLE XII - INCORPORATORS

The name and the street address of the incorporator for these Articles of Incorporation is:

EDWARD R. FINK

2000 S. Ocean Drive - PH 3, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33316-3910

The undersigned has executed these Articles of Incorporation this 25th day of April 2001 and agrees to act as its registered agent.


EDWARD R. FINK

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