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**FLORIDA NON-PROFIT CORPORATION**

**American Renewable Energy Association, Inc.**

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**ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION**

**OF**

**AMERICAN RENEWABLE ENERGY ASSOCIATION, INC.**

The undersigned, for the purpose of forming a corporation not for profit pursuant to Chapter 617, Florida Statutes, do hereby adopt the following Articles of Incorporation:

Article 1. Name. The name of the Corporation is:

American Renewable Energy Association, Inc.

Article 2. Mailing Address. The mailing address of the Corporation is:

1433 Harbor Drive  
Sarasota, FL 34239

Article 3. Duration. Corporate existence shall commence upon filing these Articles of Incorporation by the Secretary of State, and the duration of the Corporation is perpetual.

Article 4. Purpose. The Corporation is organized to promote scientific research and public education in the use of renewable energy sources such as solar power, hydroelectric power, geothermal power and fusion.

The Corporation may also engage in such other charitable and educational activities, within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, or corresponding Section of any future federal tax code, generally related to or in furtherance of the above purposes.

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Article 5. Powers. The Corporation shall have all of the common law and statutory powers of a corporation not for profit pursuant to the laws of the State of Florida that are not in conflict with the terms of these Articles. The Corporation shall not issue shares of stock. The Corporation is constituted so as to attract substantial support from contributions from persons in the community in which it operates and has not been formed for pecuniary profit or financial gain. The Corporation shall not distribute any part of its income to its members, directors, officers or other private persons, except that the Corporation may pay compensation in a reasonable amount to its members, directors, officers and employees for services rendered in furtherance of the purposes set forth in Article 4 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 (a) by a Corporation exempt from federal income tax 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.

Upon the dissolution of the Corporation, assets shall be distributed to one or more 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

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501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code, after paying or making provisions for the payment of all liabilities of the Corporation. Any such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by a court of competent jurisdiction in the county where the principal office of the Corporation is then located, exclusively for the purposes or to the organization or organizations as said court shall determine are organized and operated exclusively for charitable, educational, religious, or scientific purposes.

Article 6. Members. The qualification for and manner of admission of members shall be regulated by the Bylaws.

Article 7. Election of Directors. The method of election of directors shall be regulated by the Bylaws.

Article 8. Initial Registered Office and Agent. The street address of the initial Registered Office of the Corporation is 1800 Second Street, Suite 971, Sarasota, Florida 34236, and the name of its initial Registered Agent at that address is W. LEE MCGINNESS.

Article 9. Incorporator. The name and address of the Incorporator is as follows:

EDWIN S. MOOERS III      1433 Harbor Drive  
Sarasota, FL 34239

Article 10. Bylaws. The first Bylaws of the Corporation shall be adopted by the Board of Directors and may be altered, amended or rescinded by the directors or the members in the manner provided by the Bylaws.

Article 11. Indemnification. The Corporation shall indemnify each Officer and Director, including former Officers and Directors, to the full extent permitted by law.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned Incorporator has signed these Articles of  
Incorporation on this 7 day of August, 2001.

  
EDWIN S. MOOERS III  
Incorporator

**ACCEPTANCE BY REGISTERED AGENT**

The undersigned hereby accepts the appointment as Registered Agent of AMERICAN  
RENEWABLE ENERGY ASSOCIATION, INC., which is contained in the foregoing Articles of  
Incorporation, as required by Section 617.0501, Florida Statutes.

DATED this 7 day of August, 2001.

  
W. LEE MCGINNESS  
Registered Agent

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