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SUBJECT: BIG LAKE FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY, 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

FROM: Tommie J. Long
Name (Printed or typed)

309 N.W. 17th Street
Address

Okesechobee, FL 34972
City, State & Zip

(863) 467-2036
Daytime Telephone number

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

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**ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION
OF
BIG LAKE FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY, INC.**

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SECRETARY OF STATE
TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA

WE THE UNDERSIGNED, hereby associate ourselves together for the purpose of forming a non-profit corporation under the laws of the State of Florida, pursuant to §617 et seq., and hereby certify as follows:

ARTICLE I NAME

The name of this corporation shall be BIG LAKE FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY, INC.

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ARTICLE II PRINCIPAL OFFICE

The place in this state where the principal office of the Corporation is to be located is the City of Okeechobee, Okeechobee County. The principal address is 9920 N.E. 120th Street, Okeechobee, Florida 34972.

The mailing address of the Corporation is P.O. Box 592, Okeechobee, FL 34973-0592.

ARTICLE III PURPOSES

- A. The purposes for which the Corporation is organized are exclusively educational and literary within the meaning of section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue law.
- B. Notwithstanding any other provisions of these articles, this Corporation shall not carry on any 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.
- C. The specific purposes for which the Corporation is organized are:
 - 1. To promote an interest in genealogy, family history, and preservation of historical records through educational programs.
 - 2. To encourage and instruct members, for the purpose of developing and/or improving their capabilities in the area of genealogical research, through careful documentation and maintenance of quality genealogical standards.
 - 3. To locate, compile, publish, and distribute historical records for the benefit of Corporation members and the general public in tracing ancestral lines.

No part of the net earnings of the Corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its members, trustees, officers, 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 the purposes set forth in Article III 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 or in opposition to 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 the 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 the corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

ARTICLE IV DURATION

The Corporation shall begin its corporate existence as of the filing of these Articles of Incorporation, and shall exist perpetually thereafter.

ARTICLE V MEMBERSHIP

Any applicant interested in furthering the objectives of this Corporation shall be eligible for membership upon submission of a completed application form and payment of dues.

- A. The membership of the Corporation shall consist of not less than three (3) persons; the first members of the Corporation shall be those persons who are named in the certificate of incorporation as constituting the first Board of Directors. The By-Laws may make provisions for honorary members.
- B. The authorized number, if any and qualification of members of the Corporation, the filling of vacancies, the different classes of membership, if any, the property, voting rights, and other rights and privileges of members, and their liability due to dues and assessments and the method of collection, and the termination and transfer of membership shall be as stated in the By-Laws. Provided, however, that if the voting, property or other rights or interests, or any of them, be unequal, the By-Laws shall set forth the rule or rules by which the respective voting, property or other rights or interests of each member or class of members are fixed and determined.

ARTICLE VI BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The affairs of the corporation shall be managed and governed by a Board of Directors composed of not less than three (3) nor more than the number specified in the By-Laws. Provision for elections and provision respecting the removal, disqualification, duties and resignation of Directors, and for filling vacancies on the Directorate shall be established by the By-Laws.

The following persons shall constitute the first Board of Directors:

Frances S. Wheeler	9920 N.E. 120 th Street, Okeechobee, Florida 34972
Kathy McMahon	4022 S.E. 25 th Street, Okeechobee, Florida 34972
Carolyn Thullbery	19590 N.W. 80 th Drive, Okeechobee, Florida 34972
Tommie J. Long	309 N.W. 7 th Street, Okeechobee, Florida 34972

Notwithstanding any other provisions in these Articles, any action required or permitted to be taken by the Board of Directors under any provision of law may be taken without a meeting, if all the members of the Board shall individually or collectively consent to such action. Such action shall have the same force and effect as the unanimous vote of such Directors. Any certificate or other document filed under the provisions of law which relates to action so taken, shall state that the action was taken by unanimous consent of the Board of Directors without a meeting and that the Articles of Incorporation authorize the Directors to so act.

Directors and Officers shall not be personally liable for the debts, liabilities, or obligations of the Corporation.

ARTICLE VII OFFICERS

The principal officers of the Corporation who will manage the affairs of the Corporation are: President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer (the last two officers may be combined). The times at which the officers shall be appointed will be in the even numbered years at the first annual meeting of the membership.

The names of the officers who are to serve until the first appointment of officers pursuant to the terms of the By-Laws are as follows:

Frances S. Wheeler, President
Kathy McMahon, Vice President
Carolyn Thullbery, Secretary
Tommie J. Long, Treasurer

ARTICLE VIII INCORPORATORS

The names and addresses of the persons who are the initial trustees of the Corporation are as follows:

Frances S. Wheeler	9920 N.E. 120 th Street, Okeechobee, Florida 34972
Kathy McMahon	4022 S.E. 25 th Street, Okeechobee, Florida 34972
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ARTICLE IX REGISTERED OFFICE AND REGISTERED AGENT

The address of the Corporation's initial registered office shall be 9920 N.E. 120th Street, Okeechobee, Florida 34972, and the name of the Corporation's initial registered agent at such office shall be FRANCES S. WHEELER.

ARTICLE X BY-LAWS

The By-Laws of the Corporation shall initially be developed and approved by a majority of its members. The By-Laws may be amended, altered, supplemented or modified at any time, and from time to time, by a majority vote of the members present at a regular meeting.

ARTICLE XI AMENDMENT TO ARTICLES

Amendments to these Articles of Incorporation may be proposed by any Director and shall be adopted in the same manner as is provided for the amendment of the By-Laws as set forth in ARTICLE X above. Said amendment shall be effective when a copy thereof, together with an attached certificate of its approval by the Board, sealed with Corporation seal, signed by the Secretary and executed and acknowledged by the President or Vice President, has been filed with the Secretary of State, and all filing dues paid.

ARTICLE XII DISSOLUTION

Upon the dissolution of the Corporation, assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the 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 so disposed of shall be disposed of by a Court of Competent Jurisdiction of the county in which the principal office of the Corporation is then located, exclusively for such purposes or to such organization or organizations, as said Court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned have executed these Articles of Incorporation this Augth day of Aug, 2001.

Frances S. Wheeler
Frances S. Wheeler, President

Carolyn Thullbery
Carolyn Thullbery, Secretary

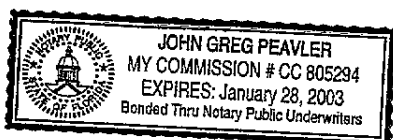
Kathy McMahon
Kathy McMahon, Vice-President

Tommie J. Long
Tommie J. Long, Treasurer

STATE OF FLORIDA
COUNTY OF OKEECHOBEE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this 27th day of Aug, 2001 before me a Notary Public duly authorized in the State and County above stated to take acknowledgments, personally appeared Frances Wheeler, Kathy McMahon, Carolyn Thullbery, and Jean Long, to me known to be the persons described in and who executed the foregoing Articles of Incorporation and acknowledged before me that they subscribed to the said Articles, and that the facts therein contained are truly set forth.

Witness my hand and official seal at Okeechobee, Florida, the day and year aforesaid.



John Greg Peavler
(Notary Public)

ACCEPTANCE BY REGISTERED AGENT

The undersigned, Frances S. Wheeler, as registered agent appointed in accordance with the foregoing Articles of Incorporation, does hereby accept such appointment, and does hereby state that she is familiar with, and accepts, the obligations imposed pursuant to §617.0501 of the Florida Not For Profit Corporation Act.


Frances S. Wheeler

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