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4201 SE Highway 42

Summerfield, FL 34491

Corporate Filings Office:

I enclose an original and one copy of the proposed Articles of Incorporation of M.R.S. Equine Sanctuary, Inc.

Please file the Articles of Incorporation and return a Certificate of Incorporation (or file-stamped copy of the original Articles) to me at the above address.

A check in the amount of \$78.75, made payable to your office, for total filing and processing fees is enclosed.

Sincerely,

Marie E. Liesta, Incorporator

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SUBJECT: M.R.S. EQUINE SANCTUARY, INC.

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We have received your document for M.R.S. EQUINE SANCTUARY, INC. and your check(s) totaling \$78.75. However, the enclosed document has not been filed and is being returned for the following correction(s):

Section 617.0803, Florida Statutes, requires that the board of directors never have fewer than three directors.

Please return the original and one copy of your document, along with a copy of this letter, within 60 days or your filing will be considered abandoned.

If you have any questions concerning the filing of your document, please call (850) 245-6973.

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The name of the entity must be identical throughout the document.

You may file using only one (1) registered agent and only one (1) has to sign.

Section 617.0202(d), Florida Statutes, requires the manner in which directors are elected or appointed be contained in the articles of incorporation or a statement that the method of election of directors is as stated in the bylaws.

You must list the corporation's principal office and/or a mailing address in the document.

The document must contain written acceptance by the registered agent, (i.e. "I hereby am familiar with and accept the duties and responsibilities as Registered Agent.)

The registered agent must sign accepting the designation.

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# ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

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M.R.S. Equine Sanctuary, Inc.

SECRETARY OF STATE TALLAHASSEE FLORIDA

#### A NON-PROFIT CORPORATION

### PRINCIPAL ADDRESS

4201A SE Highway 42 Summerfield, FL 34491

#### MAILING ADDRESS

4201A SE Highway 42 Summerfield, FL 34491

The undersigned incorporator, in order to form a non-profit corporation under the laws of the state of Florida, adopt the following Articles of Incorporation:

ONE: The name of this corporation is M.R.S. Equine Sanctuary, Inc.

TWO: The name and address of the registered agent of this corporation is:

Marie E. Gieski, 4201A SE Highway 42, Summerfield, FL 34491

<u>THREE</u>: The specific purposes for which this corporation is organized are to educate the public about equine abuse and neglect, hold seminars on horse management, proper feeding of hoses, speak at 4-H clubs and local horse clubs, rehabilitate horses, day camp for underprivileged children and riding for children with illnesses or handicaps, mend unsound horses, restore their health and give horses shelter.

This corporation is organized exclusively for one or more of the purposes as specified in Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code, 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, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

<u>FOUR</u>: The number of initial directors of this corporation is three. The method for which the election of directors and the length of office are as stated in the bylaws of this corporation. Their names and address are as follows:

Marie E. Gieski, 4201A SE Highway 42, Summerfield, FL 34491

Robert B. Gieski, 4201A SE Highway 42, Summerfield, FL 34491

Christopher S. Gieski, 938 Baltimore Pike, Gardners, PA 17324

FIVE: The names and addresses of the incorporators of this corporation are:

Marie E. Gieski, 4201A SE Highway 42, Summerfield, FL 34491

Robert B. Gieski, 4201A SE Highway 42, Summerfield, FL 34491

Serafina R. M. Gieski, 4201A SE Highway 42, Summerfield, FL 34491

<u>SIX</u>: The Period of duration of this corporation is perpetual.

<u>SEVEN</u>: The classes, rights, privileges, qualifications, and obligations of members of this corporation are as follows:

This corporation shall have one class of membership. Any person shall be qualified to become a member upon payment of the initial dues, if any, fixed by the board of directors and shall continue as a member upon paying the annual dues, if any, fixed by the board of directors. The method and time of payment of dues shall be determined, and may be changed, from time to time, by the board of directors. Additional provisions specifying the rights and obligations of members shall be contained in the Bylaws of this corporation pursuant to, and in accordance with, the laws of this state.

<u>EIGHT</u>: Any additional provisions for the operation of the corporation are as follows:

Upon the dissolution of this corporation, its assets remaining after payment, or provision for payment, of all debts and liabilities of this corporation shall be distributed to a non profit fund, foundation or corporation which is organized and operated exclusively for educational purposes and which has established its tax exempt status under the meaning of Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

The property of this corporation is irrevocably dedicated to educational purposes and no part of the net earnings or assets of this corporation purposes and no part of the net earnings or assets of this corporation shall ever 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.

Notwithstanding any other provision of these Articles, this corporation shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (1) by a corporation exempt from federal income tax under Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code or (2) by a corporation contributions to which are deductible under Section 170 (c) (2) of the Internal Revenue Code.

In any taxable year in which this corporation is a private foundation as described in Section 509 (a) of the Internal Revenue Code, the corporation (1) shall distribute its

income for said period at such time and manner as not to subject it to tax under Section 4942 of the Internal Revenue Code; (2) shall not engage in any act of self-dealing as defined in Section 4941 (d) of the Internal Revenue Code; (3) shall not retain any excess business holdings as defined in Section 4943 (c) of the Internal Revenue Code;

(4) shall not make any investments in such manner as to subject the corporation to tax under Section 4944 of the Internal Revenue Code; and (5) shall not make any taxable expenditures as defined in section 4945 (d) of the Internal Revenue Code.

The undersigned registered agent hereby declares under penalty of perjury that the statements made in the foregoing Articles of Incorporation are true.

"I hereby am familiar with and accept the duties and responsibilities as Registered Agent:"

Marie E. Gieski

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