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ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF A TASTE OF AMERICA, INC.

A NONPROFIT CORPORATION

The undersigned, desiring to form a corporation not for profit under Chapter 617, Florida Statutes, hereby certifies:

ARTICLE I NAME AND ADDRESS

The name of this corporation is A TASTE OF AMERICA, INC. The mailing address of the corporation is: 1726 Hitching Post Lane, Dunedin, Florida 34689. The address of the corporation's principal office is: 1725 Hitching Post Lane, Dunedin, Florida 34689.

ARTICLE II DURATION

The duration of this corporation is perpetual.

ARTICLE III PURPOSES, RIGHTS AND POWERS

- 1. This Corporation is organized and shall be operated as a corporation not for profit, exclusively for charitable and educational purposes as described in Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as now or hereafter amended ("Code"), or by an organization, contributions to which are deductible under Code Section 170(c)(2).
- 2. 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 be empowered to make the election authorized under Code Section 501(h). 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.

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- 3. Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, this organization shall not carry on any activities not permitted to be carried on by an organization exempt from federal income tax under Code Section 501(c)(3).
- 4. Solely for the above purposes, this Corporation is empowered to exercise all rights and powers conferred by the laws of the State of Florida upon corporations not for profit, including, but without limitation thereon, to receive gifts, bequests and contributions in any form, to use, apply, invest and reinvest the principal and/or income therefrom or distribute the same for the above purposes.

ARTICLE IV

No part of the net earnings or income of this Corporation shall inure to the benefit of or be distributed to its Directors, officers or to any private individual, but this Corporation shall be empowered and authorized to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth in ARTICLE III hereof. It is intended that this Corporation shall have and continue to have the status of a corporation which is exempt from federal income taxation under Code Section 501(a) as an organization described in Code Sections 509(a)(1), 509(a)(2) or 509(a)(3).

ARTICLE V <u>DISTRIBUTION OF ASSETS ON DISSOLUTION</u>

In the event the Corporation dissolves, the Board of Directors shall, after paying or making provisions for the payment of all of the liabilities of this Corporation, distribute all remaining assets of this Corporation exclusively to "charitable organizations," as described herein, or should be distributed to the federal, state, or local governments for one or more public purposes. Any such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by a court of competent jurisdiction in the county in which the principal office of the Corporation is then located, exclusively for one or more exempt or public purposes.

ARTICLE VI MEMBERS; DIRECTORS

- 1. The Corporation shall have members whose qualifications and voting rights shall be set forth in this Corporation's Bylaws.
- 2. The term, voting rights, qualifications and procedures for election of Directors shall be set forth in this Corporation's Bylaws. The Board of Directors shall be empowered to direct the management of the business and affairs of this Corporation and to exercise all rights and powers granted to this Corporation under these Articles, the Corporation's Bylaws and the laws of the State of Florida.
- 3. The persons who shall serve until the first election of Directors are as follows:

Name

Address

1. RICHARD SFONG

1725 Hitching Post Lane Dunedin, FL 34698

2. CAROL ERWIN

1725 Lake Cypress Drive Safety Harbor, FL 34695

3. RON ARNOLD

1725 Mehlrose Avenue Belleair, FL 33756

ARTICLE VII OFFICERS

- 1. Officers. The officers of this Corporation shall consist of a Chairman of the Board, a President, one or more Vice-Presidents, a Treasurer, a Secretary and such Assistant Treasurers, Assistant Secretaries and other officers of this Corporation as the Board of Directors deems necessary.
- 2. <u>Election and Term of Office</u>. The Board of Directors shall elect officers at each Annual Meeting of the Board of Directors, and may at any meeting fill any officer vacancy.
- 3. <u>Powers and Duties</u>. The officers shall be empowered to manage the business and affairs of this Corporation under the direction of the Board of Directors. The powers and duties of each officer shall be as set forth in the Bylaws and, except as otherwise provided in the Bylaws, each officer shall be entitled to exercise all of the rights and powers granted to such officer by the laws of the State of Florida.
- 4. <u>Initial Officers</u>. The persons who shall serve as officers until the first election of officers are as follows:

Name

Office

RICHARD SPONG

President

RON ARNOLD

Vice President/Treasurer

CAROL ERWIN

Vice President/Secretary

ARTICLE VIII AMENDMENT OF ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

These Articles of Incorporation may be amended by affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3) of a quorum of the Directors of the Board of Directors at any meeting of the Directors or by the written consent thereto by two-thirds (2/3) of a quorum of the Directors. Amendments to these Articles of Incorporation may be proposed by any Director.

ARTICLE IX BYLAWS

The Bylaws of this Corporation shall be adopted at the first meeting of the Board of Directors by the affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the Directors. The Bylaws may be amended or repealed by the affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3) of a quorum of the Directors at a meeting of the Board of Directors, or, by the written consent thereto by two-thirds (2/3) of a quorum of the Directors.

ARTICLE X INTERNAL REVENUE CODE SECTIONS

Any reference in these Articles to a section of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 shall be interpreted to include reference to the corresponding provisions of any applicable future Internal Revenue Law of the United States.

ARTICLE XI INDEMNIFICATION

Each director and each officer or former director or officer of this Corporation may be indemnified and may be advanced reasonable expenses by this Corporation against llabilities imposed upon him or her and reasonable expenses incurred him or her in connection with any claim against him or her, or, any action, sult or proceeding to which he or she may be a party by reason of his or her being, or, having been, such director or officer and against such sum as independent counsel selected by the directors shall deem reasonable payment made in settlement of any such claim, action, suit or proceeding primarily with the view of avolding expenses of litigation; provided, however, that no director or officer shall be indemnified: (a) with respect to matters as to which he or she shall be adjudged in such action, suit or proceeding to be liable for gross negligence or willful misconduct in performance of duty; (b) with respect to any matters which shall be settled by the payment of sums which independent counsel selected by the directors shall not deem reasonable payment made primarily with a view to avoiding expenses of litigation; or (c) with respect to matters for which such Indemnification would be against public policy. Such rights of indemnification shall be in addition to any other rights to which directors or officers maybe entitled under any bylaw, agreement, corporate resolutions, vote of directors or othorwise. This Corporation shall have the power to purchase or maintain, at its cost and expense, insurance on behalf of such persons to the fullest extent permitted by this Article and applicable state law.

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ARTICLE XII INITIAL REGISTERED OFFICE AND AGENT

The street address of the initial registered office 1725 Hitching Post Lane, and the name of the initial registered agent Danedin, Florida 34689, . of this Corporation at that address is RICHARD SPONG.

ARTICLE XIII **INCORPORATOR**

The names and addresses of the persons signing these Articles are:

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Address

1. RICHARD SPONG

1725 Hitching Post Lane

Dunedin, FL 34698

CAROL ERWIN 2.

1725 Lake Cypress Drive Safety Harbor, FL 34695

3. **FON ARNOLD**

1725 Mehlrose Avenue Belleair, FL 33756

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned have subscribed their names thin 6 Th , 2002, at Clearwater, Florida.

WITNESSES:

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CERTIFICATE DESIGNATING REGISTERED AGENT AND STREET ADDRESS FOR SERVICE OF PROCESS WITHIN FLORIDA

Pursuant to <u>Fla. Stat.</u> §48.091, RICHARD SPONG, desiring to organize under the laws of the State of Florida, hereby designates RICHARD SPONG, located at 1725 Hitching Post Lane, Dunedin, Florida 34689, as its registered agent to accept service of process within the State of Florida.

ACCEPTANCE OF DESIGNATION

The undersigned hereby accepts the above designation as registered agent to accept service of process for the above-named corporation, at the place designated above, and agrees to comply with the provisions of Fig. Stat. §48.091(2) relative to maintaining an office for the service of process.

RICHARD SPON

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