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SUBJECT: The Friends of The Forest Public Library
(PROPOSED CORPORATE NAME - MUST INCLUDE SUFFIX)

Enclosed is an original and one(1) copy of the articles of incorporation and a check for :

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Filing Fee &
Certificate of
Status

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& Certified Copy

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& Certificate

ADDITIONAL COPY REQUIRED

FROM:

Nancy MacFarland
Name (Printed or typed)
The Friends of The Forest Public Library
777 South County Road 314A
Address

Ocklawaha, FL 32179
City, State & Zip

352-625-6511
Daytime Telephone number

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

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TALLAHASSEE FLORIDA

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**Articles of Incorporation
of
The Friends of the Forest Public Library, Inc.
A Florida Non-Profit Corporation**

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ARTICLE I - NAME

The name of the organization shall be *The Friends of the Forest Public Library, Inc.*

ARTICLE II - PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS AND RESIDENT AGENT

The principal office for the transaction of the business of this corporation is to be located at 777 South County Road 314A, Ocklawaha, Marion County, Florida 32179. The name of this corporation's resident agent is Nancy Leonard MacFarland.

ARTICLE III - PURPOSES

(a) This is a non-profit corporation organized exclusively for charitable and educational purposes pursuant to the Florida Corporation Not for Profit Law set forth in part one of Chapter 617 of the Florida Statutes.

(b) The general purposes for which this corporation is formed are to operate it exclusively for such educational and charitable purposes as will qualify it as an exempt organization under section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

(c) The primary purposes for which this corporation is formed are:

- ..to operate for the advancement of education by the distribution of its funds for such purposes and particularly for the promotion and development of the The Forest Public Library in Ocklawaha and in Marion County, Florida, as well as to encourage the use of such facilities;
- ..to enlist the interest and support of all community persons interested in libraries and who are dedicated to the dissemination of knowledge through a public library;
- ..to publicize library functions; and,
- ..to raise funds and encourage all interested to make donations, endowments, and bequests for The Forest Public Library purposes and receive all such gifts, endowments and bequests to the library.

(d) 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 organization 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 the purpose clause hereof. No substantial part of the activities of the organization shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the organization 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 this document, the organization shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by an organization 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 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.

(e) In the event of the dissolution of the corporation, and prior to the completion thereof, all liabilities and obligations of the corporation shall be paid, satisfied and discharged, and all of the remaining assets, property and income owned or held by the corporation shall be expended for or applied to the purpose of the corporation, or one or more of such purposes, by transferring and conveying such assets, property and income to one or more corporations or organizations organized and operated exclusively for religious, charitable, scientific, literary or educational purposes, to which exemption from income taxes has been granted under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law), and no part of such remaining assets, property or income shall be distributed to members or to any persons whatsoever.

ARTICLE IV -MEMBERSHIP

a. The corporation shall have a membership distinct from the Executive Committee, and no more than one membership may be held by any one person. Each individual member and each authorized representative of a member organization shall be entitled to one vote. Each "family membership" will be entitled to two votes for the family.

b. All persons, businesses, clubs interested in the purpose of this organization shall be eligible for membership upon the submission of an application and the payment of the dues provided for in the ByLaws.

c. No member shall have any right, title or interest in any of the property or assets, including any earnings or investment income of this corporation, nor shall any of such property or assets be distributed to any member upon dissolution or winding up thereof.

d. No member of this corporation shall be personally liable for any of its debts, liabilities, or obligations nor shall any member be subject to any assessment.

e. Membership in this corporation is non transferrable. Membership shall terminate on the resignation or death of a member, or on his failure to pay the dues required by the ByLaws within thirty days of the due date. Individuals whose membership has been terminated may apply for reinstatement in the same manner as application is made for initial membership.

ARTICLE V - EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

a. The powers of this corporation shall be exercised, its properties controlled, and its affairs conducted by an Executive Committee. In this organization, the Executive Committee shall serve as the Board of Directors. The number of the Executive Committee members of this corporation shall be at nine (9); provided, however, that the number of the Executive Committee may be changed by a ByLaw duly adopted by the corporation, but in no event shall the number of Executive Committee members be less than three (3).

b. The Executive Committee named herein as the first Executive Committee shall hold office until the first meeting of members to be held on March 19, 2002, at 7:00 p.m. at 777 S. County Road 314A, Oklawaha, Florida, at which time an election of Executive Committee members shall be held.

c. The Executive Committee members elected at the first annual meeting and at all times thereafter shall serve for a term of one (1) year until the next annual meeting of members following the election of officers and until the qualification of the successors in office. Annual meetings shall be held during the month of March of each year at the principal office of the corporation or at such other place or places as the Executive Committee may designate from time to time by resolution.

d. Any action required or permitted to be taken by the Executive Committee under any provision of the law may be taken without a meeting, if all members of the Committee shall

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individually or collectively consent in writing to such action. Such written consent or consents shall be filed with the minutes of the proceedings of the Committee and any such actions by written consent shall have the same force and effect as if taken by unanimous vote of the committee members. Any certificate or documents filed under any provision of law which relate to actions so taken shall state that the action was taken by unanimous written consent of the Executive Committee without a meeting and that the Articles of Incorporation and ByLaws of this corporation authorize the Executive Committee to so act. Such a statement shall be prima facia evidence of such authority.

e. The Executive Committee of this corporation shall hold all powers conferred by applicable state law which are consistent with exemption from Federal Income Tax under 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 or corresponding provisions of any subsequent federal tax laws.

f. The names and addresses of the first members of the Executive Committee are as follows:

/Gladys Davis, 17696 SE 17 Drive, Silver Springs, FL 34488
/Betty Dennis, 13582 E. Hwy. 40, #212, Silver Springs, FL 34488
/Nancy Leonard MacFarland, 391 SE 165th Court Road, Silver Springs, FL 34488
/Mary Lou Nelson, 2290 NE 145th Ave. Rd., Silver Springs, FL 34488
Lisandra Norsworthy, 15929 SE 9th Street, Silver Springs, FL 34488
/Sue Simonds, 17002 SE 21st Street, Silver Springs, FL 34488
Claire Theriault, 17002 SE 21st Place, Silver Springs, FL 34488
Nick Wehring, 18720 SE 21st Place, Silver Springs, FL 34488
Nancy Young, 2150 NE 145th Court, Silver Springs, FL 34488

ARTICLE VI - CORPORATE OFFICERS

a. The Executive Committee of the corporation shall elect the following officers: President, Vice President, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, and Treasurer. The officers plus standing Committee Chairmen shall constitute the Executive Committee. Committee Chairmen shall be appointed by the President. The officers named herein shall serve until the first meeting of the Executive Committee.

b. Until the election of officers at the first meeting of the members, the following persons shall serve as corporate officers:

President - Nancy Leonard MacFarland
Vice President - Sue Simonds
Recording Secretary - Betty Dennis
Corresponding Secretary - Gladys Davis
Treasurer - Mary Lou Nelson

ARTICLE VII - BYLAWS

The ByLaws of the corporation are to be made, altered or rescinded by the Executive Committee of the corporation in such a manner as may be set forth in the ByLaws.

ARTICLE VIII - DEDICATION OF ASSETS

The property of this corporation is irrevocably dedicated to educational or charitable purposes and no part of the net income or assets of this corporation shall ever inure to the benefit of any director, officer or member thereof or to the benefit of any private individual.

ARTICLE IX - DISTRIBUTION OF ASSETS

Upon the dissolution or winding up of this corporation its assets remaining after payment or provision for payment of all debts or liabilities of the corporation shall be distributed to a non-profit fund, foundation, or corporation which is organized or operated exclusively for charitable or educational purposes and which has established its tax exempt status under 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 or corresponding provisions of any subsequent federal tax laws.

ARTICLE X - AMENDMENT OF ARTICLES

Amendments to these Articles of Incorporation may be proposed by resolution adopted by the Executive Committee and presented to a quorum of members for their votes. Amendments may be adopted by the vote of 2/3 of a quorum of members of the corporation.

We, the undersigned, being the incorporators of this corporation and including all the persons herein named as the subscribers of this corporation for the purpose of forming this non-profit charitable corporation under the laws of Florida have executed these Articles of Incorporation upon this 11th day of December 2001.

Nancy Leonard MacFarland
Nancy MacFarland, Subscriber

Gladys Davis
Gladys Davis, Subscriber

Betty Dennis
Betty Dennis, Subscriber

Mary Lou Nelson
Mary Lou Nelson, Subscriber

Sue Simonds
Sue Simonds, Subscriber

Having been named as registered agent to accept service of process for the above stated corporation at the place designated in this certificate, I am familiar with and accept the appointment as registered agent and agree to act in this capacity.

Nancy Leonard MacFarland
Signature/Registered Agent

Feb 13, 2002
Date

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this day before me, an officer duly qualified to take acknowledgments, personally appeared NANCY LEONARD, BETTY DENNIS, MARY LOU NELSON, to be known to be the persons described in and who executed the foregoing instrument and acknowledged before me that they executed the same.

WITNESS my hand and official seal in the County and State last aforesaid this 11 day of December, 2001.



Tina Seiler
MY COMMISSION # CC955328 EXPIRES
July 17, 2004
BONDED THRU TROY FAIR INSURANCE, INC.

[Signature]
Notary Public
State of Florida at Large

My commission expires

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