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Re: FRIENDS OF CAYO COSTA, INC., a not for profit corporation

Dear Division of Corporations;

Enclosed please find the Articles of Incorporation and my check for \$78.75. Please file the articles and return a certified copy to me at the address listed above.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



Barbara Mathews Trescott, Esquire

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**FRIENDS OF CAYO COSTA, INC.**

**ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION**

The undersigned, a citizen of the United States, desiring to form a Corporation Not for Profit under the Corporation Not for Profit Law of Florida, Chapter 617, Florida Statutes, certifies and acknowledges:

**ARTICLE I. NAME.**

The name of the Corporation Not for Profit shall be the: Friends of Cayo Costa, Inc.

**ARTICLE II. DURATION.**

The duration of the Corporation shall be perpetual.

**ARTICLE III. PRINCIPAL OFFICE.**

The principal office and mailing address of the Corporation is 14027 La Costa Drive, Fort Myers, FL 33924; P.O. Box 475 , Pineland, FL 33945.

**ARTICLE IV. PURPOSE.**

The Corporation is organized exclusively for domestic charitable, educational and scientific purposes within the meaning of section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, as may be amended, including the following:

1. The protection of Cayo Costa's Island's natural resources including its environmental, historical and archeological sites.
2. The enforcement of existing laws and regulations for protection of natural resources of the Cayo Costa State Park including environmental, historic and archeological sites.
3. To educate and publicize the preservation of Cayo Costa Island in its undisturbed pristine undeveloped state.
4. To formulate, publicize and implement solutions to development pressures in the Cayo Costa State Park.
5. To use media resources to promote public awareness and education of the public about Cayo Costa's environmental, historical and archeological significance.

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6. To publicize laws regulating development and promoting preservation of natural resources on Cayo Costa Island.
7. To educate youth concerning Cayo Costa's environmental, historical and archeological significance.
8. To create a clearinghouse of information for evaluating, reporting and distributing data on Cayo Costa's environmental, historical and archeological resources.
9. To offer assistance in promoting public land acquisition of in-holdings in Cayo Costa State Park.
10. To make of donations or distributions to other not for profit organizations within the meaning of section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, as may be amended.

#### **ARTICLE V. MEMBERS.**

The qualifications for members and the manner of their admission shall be as stated in the bylaws of the Corporation.

#### **ARTICLE VI. POWERS.**

The powers of the Corporation shall be as provided in Chapter 617, Florida Statutes with the following limitations within the meaning of section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, as may be amended:

A. No part of the net earnings of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of or be distributable to its members, directors, 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 IV.

B. 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 or intervene in, including the publishing or distributing of statements, any political campaign on behalf of or in opposition to any candidate for public office.

C. Notwithstanding any other provision of these Articles, this Corporation shall not, except to an insubstantial degree, engage in any activities or exercise any powers that are not in furtherance of the purposes of this Corporation.

**ARTICLE VII. REGISTERED AGENT AND OFFICE.**

The Registered Agent is Barbara Mathews Trescott, 12995 S. Cleveland Avenue, Suite 242, Fort Myers, Fl 33907, Telephone No.: (239) 936-5652, fax: (239) 936- 5557.

**ARTICLE VIII. INCORPORATORS.**

The name and address of the Incorporator is: Daniel Lee Trescott, P.O. Box 475, Pineland, FL 33945.

**ARTICLE IX. BOARD OF DIRECTORS.**

The names and addresses of the persons who are the initial three (3) Directors of the Corporation are as follows:

Name: Carol Lee Sellars Address: P.O. Box 66, Bokeelia, FL 33922

Name: Paul Faust Address: 26 Grantwood Lane, St. Louis MO 03123

Name: John C. Kelm Address: P.O. Box 852, Bokeelia, FL 33922

The method of election or appointment to the Board of Directors shall be as stated in the bylaws of the Corporation.

**ARTICLE X. DISSOLUTION.**

In the event of, and upon 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 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.

**ARTICLE XI. EFFECTIVE DATE**

The effective date of incorporation shall be the date that these articles are filed with the Department of State, Division of Corporations.

As signed and acknowledged on:

9/10/02  
Date

By:



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**DANIEL LEE TRESCOTT**  
Incorporator,  
**FRIENDS OF CAYO COSTA, INC.**

**ACKNOWLEDGMENT**

Having been named as registered agent and to accept service of process for the above stated corporation at the place designated in this certificate, I HEREBY ACCEPT the appointment as registered agent and agree to act in this capacity. I further agree to comply with the provisions of all statutes relating to the proper and complete performance of my duties, and I am familiar with and accept the obligations of my position as registered agent.

9/10/02  
Date

Barbara Mathews Trescott  
Name: Barbara Mathews Trescott  
Registered Agent