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#### ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

In Compliance with Chapter 617, F.S., (not for profit)

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SECRETARY OF STATE
TAI LAHASSEE. FLORIDA

Article 1 NAME

The name of the corporation shall be:

Florida Association of Community Farmers' Markets Inc.

#### Article II PRINCIPAL OFFICE

The principal place of business and mailing address of this corporation shall be:

c/o 111 West International Speedway Boulevard, Daytona Beach, FL 32114

#### Article III PURPOSE

The purpose of which the corporation is organized is:

The Florida Association of Community Farmers' Markets also known as the "Association" serves as a non-profit entity dedicated to the advancement of and economic development of Florida Community Farmers' Markets. Sponsor organizations and/or farmers' markets can apply for membership to the Association. Such members should have a focus in building and maintaining community farmers' markets.

Specific services to Association members include access to information, advocacy, funding, and operating initiatives.

### Article IV MANNER OF ELECTION

The manner in which the directors are elected or appointed:

The Association is administered by a volunteer executive committee. They may represent markets, sponsor organizations, stakeholders, or hold positions vital to the success of Association initiatives. The Board of Directors may employee a professional staff to implement organization programs and projects.

The term of office for an executive committee member is three years, all committee members can serve up to two consecutive terms. In order to appropriately ensure an experienced executive committee, the initial committee will serve a staggered term as follows: President (1 yr), Vice President (2 yrs), Secretary (1 yr), Treasurer (2 yrs), North representative (2 yrs), Central representative (1 yr), South representative (2 yrs), Dept of Ag representative (NA).

Executive Committee members can be expelled from their positions by a majority vote of the membership. The membership shall elect leaders to the Executive Committee to lead the organization. They are:

Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, Vice President, Secy/Treasurer, North representative, Central representative, South representative, Fl Dept of Ag representative

The leaders shall be elected by the membership with a simple majority vote. The terms of office will be two years beginning on October 1 and ending on September 30th of the following year. Officers can serve no more than two consecutive terms. The election will take place in July of each year to allow for the new officers to be named prior to the following year's planning cycle.

The chairperson each election year will appoint a chair in May (must be an active association member) and two other members to serve as the ad hoc Nominations Committee. The Committee

will make nominations for open positions in June. The election will take place at the association's annual meeting in July.

The Association will hold an annual meeting each July to set Association goals, hold elections if necessary and hear an annual report. Additional Association meetings can be held as necessary by the chairperson.

#### Article V INITIAL DIRECTORS/OFFICERS

The name(s), address(es) and title(s):

#### President:

Frank DeMarchi, executive director, Daytona Beach Partnership 111 West International Speedway Boulevard, Daytona Beach, FL 32114

#### Vice President

Sharon Yeago, market manager, Alachua County Farmers Market 5920 NW 13th Street, Gainesville, FL 32605

#### Vice President:

Charles Munroe, developer PO Box 62157, Ft. Meyers FL

## Secretary:

Rita Garvey, former St. Cloud Mayor 1550 Ridgewood Street, St. Cloud FL

#### Treasurer:

Barbara Joyce, market manager, Downtown Farmers' Market

111 W. International Speedway Boulevard, STE 101, Daytona Beach, FL 32114 FL Dept of AG/Representative:

Carl Penn, Development Representative II, Bureau of State Farmers' Markets, Division of Marketing & Development, Dept. of Ag. & Consumer Svs., 541 E. Tennessee Street, Tallahassee, FL 32308

# Article VI INITIAL REGISTERED AGENT AND STREET The name and Florida street address of the registered agent is: <u>INITIAL REGISTERED AGENT AND STREET ADDRESS</u>

Sharon Yeago, market manager, Alachua County Farmers Market, 5920 NW 13th Street, Gainesville, FL 32605

#### INCORPORATOR

The name and address of the Incorporator is:

Frank DeMarchi, 111 W. International Speedway Boulevard, Daytona Beach, FL 32114

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.