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November 26, 2003

Department of State Division of Corporations P.O. Box 6327 Tallahassee, Florida 32314

RE: FLORIDA ASSOCIATION OF CROP INSURANCE AGENTS

#### Gentlemen:

I am enclosing herewith an original and a copy of Articles of Incorporation for the abovenamed corporation. In addition, a check in the sum of \$78.75 is enclosed which represents the following fees:

Filing fee \$35.00 Certified copy \$ 8.75 Registered Agent fee \$35.00

Total \$78.75

Please file the original of the enclosed Articles of Incorporation and return a certified copy to the undersigned.

Your prompt attention to this matter would be appreciated.

Kindest regards.

Sincerely,

SEPH F. PIPPEN, JR

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## ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

OF

# FLORIDA ASSOCIATION OF CROP INSURANCE AGENTS, INC.

SECRETARY OF STATE
TALLAHASSEE FLORIDA

WE, the undersigned, with other persons being desirous of forming a nonprofit corporation, under the provisions of Chapter 617 of the Florida Statutes, do agree to the following:

A NONPROFIT CORPORATION

#### ARTICLE I:

The name of the corporation shall be FLORIDA ASSOCIATION OF CROP INSURANCE AGENTS, INC. The principal place of business of this corporation shall be 7722 S.R. 544 EAST, SUITE 215, WINTER HAVEN, FL 33881.

#### ARTICLE II:

- A. The Corporation is organized and shall be operated exclusively for charitable purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3), of the Internal Revenue Code and its Regulations as they now exist or as they may be hereafter amended, and it is authorized to receive and maintain funds, to have, hold, manage and sell the same, to change the investments thereof, to invest and reinvest the proceeds thereof, and to collect and receive the income and profits thereof; and to apply the income and principal to the aid and assistance of any and all charitable organizations and institutions, and to do all things that may be necessary and useful in the accomplishment of the purposes hereinabove set forth.
- B. All the assets and earnings shall be used exclusively for the purposes hereinabove set out, including the payment of expenses incidental thereto, and no part of the net earnings shall insure to the benefit of any private member or individual, and no substantial part of the activities of the

corporation shall be for the carrying on of propaganda or otherwise attempting to influence legislation. In the event of dissolution, all assets and earnings shall be paid over to another corporation or corporations organized and operated exclusively or charitable purposes which would qualify under the provisions of Section 501(c)(3), of the Internal Revenue Code as they now exist or as they may be hereafter amended.

- C. Notwithstanding any other provisions of these articles:
- 1. The Corporation shall distribute its income for each tax year at such time and in such manner as not to become subject to tax on undistributed income imposed by Section 4942 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, or corresponding provisions of any subsequent Federal tax laws.
- 2. The Corporation shall not engage in any act of self dealing as defined in Section 4941(d) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, or corresponding provisions of any subsequent Federal tax laws.
- 3. The Corporation shall not retain any excess business holdings as defined in Section 4943(c) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, or corresponding provisions of any subsequent Federal tax laws.
- 4. The Corporation shall not make any investments in such manner as to subject it to tax under Section 4944 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, or corresponding provisions of any subsequent Federal tax laws.
- 5. The Corporation shall not make any taxable expenditures as defined in Section 4945(d) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, or corresponding provisions of any subsequent Federal tax laws.

The Corporation shall have no capital stock and the private property of the incorporators and members shall not be liable for the debts of the Corporation.

## ARTICLE III

The membership of this corporation shall constitute all persons hereinafter names as officers and directors and such other persons as from time to time may become members by approval of the Board of Directors.

## ARTICLE IV

The name and street address of the incorporator to these Articles of Incorporation is:

Joseph F. Pippen, Jr. 10225 Ulmerton Road, #11 Largo, FL 33771

#### ARTICLE V

This Corporation is to exist perpetually.

#### ARTICLE VI

The business of this corporation shall be managed by the Board of Directors. This corporation shall have four (4) directors initially. The number of directors may be increased from time to time by the Bylaws, but shall never be less than four (4).

The Board of Directors shall be appointed and hold office in accordance for the ensuing year are:

ROBERT CARDEN	60 Fourth Street SW	Winter Haven, FL 33880
WILLIE A. FIFE	P.O. Box 457	Live Oak, FL 32064
MARVIN "RAY" THIGPEN	224 Cliff Street	DeLand FL 32720

5151 S. Lakeland Drive Ste. #11 Lakeland, FL 33813 ROBERT STALLINGS

#### ARTICLE VII

The officers of the Corporation shall be President, Secretary and Treasurer such other officers as may be provided in the Bylaws.

The names of the persons who are to serve as officers of the Corporation who shall hold office for the first year of the Corporation are:

ROBERT CARDEN

60 Fourth Street SW

Winter Haven, FL 33880

WILLIE A. FIFE

P.O. Box 457

Live Oak, FL 32064

MARVIN "RAY" THIGPEN 224 Cliff Street

DeLand, FL 32720

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# ARTICLE VIII

The Board of Directors of this corporation may provide such Bylaws for the conduct of its business and the carrying out of its purposes as they may deem necessary from time to time.

Upon proper notice, the Bylaws may be amended, altered or rescinded by a majority vote of the Board of Directors.

#### ARTICLE IX

These Articles of Incorporation may be amended by a majority vote of the Board of Directors.

## ARTICLE X

The street address of the initial registered office of this corporation shall be 10225 Ulmerton Road, Bldg. #11, Largo, FL 33771, and the name of the initial registered agent of the corporation at that address is Joseph F. Pippen, Jr..

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned have hereunto set their hand and seal of this 25 day of November, 2003.

BY:

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# ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF REGISTERED AGENT:

Having been named to accept service of process for the above-stated Corporation, at place designated in this certificate, I hereby accept to act in this capacity, and agree to comply with the provision of said Act relative to keeping open said office.

OSEPH F. PIPP

STATE OF FLORIDA COUNTY OF POLK

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this 35 day of November, 2003, by Joseph 7. Pippen, Tr.

NOTARY PUBLIC - STATE OF FLORIDA

PATRICIA R. WATKINS
MY COMMISSION # DD 056204
EXPIRES: September 11, 2005
Bonded Thru Notary Public Underwriters

SECRETARY OF STATE TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA