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Jeb Bush Governor Marjory Stoneman Douglas Building 3900 Commonwealth Boulevard Tallahassee, Florida 32399-3000

Colleen M. Castille Secretary

May 19, 2004

Mr. Sean Toner Division of Corporations Florida Department of State 409 East Gaines Street Tallahassee, Florida 32399

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Dear Mr. Toner:

This letter is to certify to you that the Friends of Suwannee River State Park, Inc. is a duly authorized citizen support organization which is under contract to provide support for the Division of Recreation and Parks in accordance with Section 258.015, F.S.

Attached please find two copies of their Articles of Incorporation. After filing and assigning a document number please forward one stamped copy of the Articles with your correspondence.

If further information is needed feel free to call Phillip Werndli at 245-3098.

Sincerely,

Mike Bullock

Director

Florida Park Service

Attachments

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Pursuant to F.S. 617.0122 this filing is exempt from any fees required for incorporation as a non profit organization.

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## ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF

FRIENDS OF SUWANNEE RIVER STATE PARK, INC. PM 12: 44

#### **ARTICLE I**

#### <u>NAME</u>

The name of this corporation is FRIENDS OF SUWANNEE RIVER STATE PARK, INC., a Nonprofit Florida Corporation.

#### **ARTICLE II**

#### TERMS OF EXISTENCE

This corporation shall exist perpetually.

#### ARTICLE III

#### **INCORPORATORS**

The name and residence of the Incorporators are as follows:

Beth Schoenfelder 370 NE Forest View Way Lee, FL 32059

Walter Schoenfelder 370 NE Forest View Way Lee, FL 32059

Dolly Fuls PO Box 232 Madison, FL 32341

Chuck Fuls PO Box 232 Madison, FL 32341

Tammy Jones 20185 CR 132 Live Oak, FL 32060

The rights and interests of the Incorporators shall automatically terminate when these Articles are filed with the Secretary of State.

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#### ARTICLE IV

#### **PURPOSE**

This corporation is organized exclusively for charitable purposes within the meaning of section 501 c (3) of the Internal Revenue code of 1986, including, for such purposes, the making of distributions to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations under Section 501 c (3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code. More particularly, to conduct programs and activities, sponsor research, sponsor promotions, raise funds, request and receive grants, gifts, contributions, dues and bequests of money, real and personal property; or acquire, receive hold, invest and administer, in its own name, securities, funds objects of value, or other property, real or personal; and make expenditures and distributions to or for the benefits of the Division of Recreation and Parks and Florida state parks.

#### ARTICLE V

#### PUBLICLY SUPPORTED TAX-EXEMPT NONPROFIT CORPORATION

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 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 hereof. 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 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 these articles, the corporation shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by a corporation 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 a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under section 170 (c) (2) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

#### ARTICLE VI

#### DISSOLUTION

Upon the dissolution of the corporation, assets shall be distributed to the Department of Environmental Protection, Division of Recreation and Parks of the State of Florida or its successor, to be used exclusively for the purposes herinabove set forth, provided that such does not impair or destroy the tax exempt status to donations, contributions, legacies or dues received by this corporation to the extent that such tax exempt status shall be allowed under any applicable law or regulation.

2. Not withstanding anything herein to the contrary, the assets of the Corporation are hereby irrevocably dedicated to charitable use; accordingly, in the event the Department if Environmental Protection, Division of Recreation and Parks of the State of Florida, or its successors, fails to qualify to receive or otherwise fails to accept the Corporation's assets upon dissolution, the residual assets of the Corporation shall be turned over to one or more organizations which themselves are exempt as organizations described in Section 501 c (3) and sections of any prior or future law, or to a federal, state or local government for exclusive public purpose (s).

#### **ARTICLE VII**

#### BOARD OF DIRECTORS

- The affairs of the corporation are to be managed initially by a Board of Directors
  of five (5). Additional Directors in any odd number may be added to the Board as
  set forth in the duly adopted by-laws. New directors shall be elected annually by
  the members according to the by-laws that may be in existence from time to time.
- 2. The names and addresses of the individuals, each of whom are 18 years of age or older, to serve on the initial Board of Directors are as follows:

Beth Schoenfelder 370 NE Forest View Way Lee, FL 32059

Walter Schoenfelder 370 NE Forest View Way Lee, FL 32059

Dolly Fuls PO Box 232 Madison, FL 32341

Chuck Fuls PO Box 232 Madison, FL 32341

Tammy Jones 20185 CR 132 Live Oak, FL 32060 3. The initial officers of the Corporation shall be the President, the Secretary, the Treasurer and such other officers and assistant officers as may be created from time to time by the Board of Directors. The officers shall be elected annually by the Board of Directors.

#### ARTICLE VIII

#### INITIAL PRINCIPAL OFFICE, MAILING ADDRESS AND REGISTERED AGENT

The street and mailing address of the initial registered office is: 20185 CR 132, Live Oak, FL 32060. The initial registered agent at that address is: Beth Schoenfelder.

#### ARTICLE IX

#### **ADMINISTRATION**

This corporation is organized, and shall be operated, on a non-stock basis.

#### ARTICLE X

#### **MEMBERSHIP**

- 1. The qualifications for members and the manner of their admission shall be regulated by the by-laws of the corporation.
- The corporation shall provide for equal membership and employment opportunities to all persons regardless of race, color, religion, sex, age, disability, or natural origin.

#### ARTICLE XI

#### By-laws

The Directors, by majority vote, are authorized to establish By-laws for the corporation not inconsistent with these Articles of Incorporation, and to amend same from time to time.

#### ARTICLE XII

#### AMENDMENTS TO ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

This corporation reserves the right to amend or repeal any provisions contained in these Articles of Incorporation. Amendments to the Articles of Incorporation shall be proposed by the Board of Directors in the form of a resolution, which must be adopted by a majority vote of all members present and those represented by proxy at any meeting of the membership called for that purpose. Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, amendments which are required or advisable to obtain or maintain the Corporation's tax

exempt status may nevertheless be adopted at a meeting of the Board of Directors by a unanimous vote of the directors then in office.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned subscriber has executed these Articles of Incorporation this 23th day of April 2004.

Beth Schoenstider

Walter Schoenselder

Dolly Fuls

Chuck Fuls

Tamany Jones

#### STATE OF FLORIDA COUNTY OF HAMILTON, MADISON, SUWANNEE

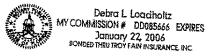
BEFORE ME, the undersigned, a Notary Public authorized to take acknowledgements in the State and County aforesaid, personally appeared BETH SCHOENFELDER, known to me and know to be the persons who executed the foregoing Articles of Incorporation, and who is personally known to me or who has produced Florida Drivers License as identification and who did take an oath.

WITNESS my hand and seal this 33/1 day of April ,2004.

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PRINT NAME OF NOTARY PUBLIC NOTARY PUBLIC SIGNATURE

My Commission Expires: 11-13-06 (SEAL):



#### STATE OF FLORIDA COUNTY OF HAMILTON, MADISON, SUWANNEE

BEFORE ME, the undersigned, a Notary Public authorized to take acknowledgements in the State and County aforesaid, personally appeared WALTER SCHOENFELDER, known to me and know to be the persons who executed the foregoing Articles of Incorporation, and who is personally known to me or who has produced Florida Drivers License as identification and who did take an oath.

WITNESS my hand and seal this 33M day of 900.

PRINT NAME OF NOTARY PUBLIC

My Commission Expires: 0/-22-06

(SEAL):

Debra L Loadholtz

MY COMMISSION # DD885666 EXPIRES

January 22, 2086

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#### STATE OF FLORIDA COUNTY OF HAMILTON, MADISON AND SUWANNEE

BEFORE ME, the undersigned, a Notary Public authorized to take acknowledgements in the State and County aforesaid, personally appeared DOLLY FULS, known to me and know to be the persons who executed the foregoing Articles of Incorporation, and who is personally known to me or who has produced Florida Drivers License as identification and who did take an oath.

### STATE OF FLORIDA COUNTY OF HAMILTON, MADISON AND SUWANNEE

BEFORE ME, the undersigned, a Notary Public authorized to take acknowledgements in the State and County aforesaid, personally appeared CHUCK FULS, known to me and know to be the persons who executed the foregoing Articles of Incorporation, and who is personally known to me or who has produced Florida Drivers License as identification and who did take an oath.

PRINT NAME OF NOTARY PUBLIC

My Commission Expires: 01-37-010

(SEAL):

Debra L Loadholtz MY COMMISSION # DD085666 EXPIRES January 22, 2006 BONDED THRU TROY FAIN WISURANCE, INC

## STATE OF FLORIDA COUNTY OF HAMILTON, MADISON AND SUWANNEE

BEFORE ME, the undersigned, a Notary Public authorized to take acknowledgements in the State and County aforesaid, personally appeared TAMMY JONES, known to me and know to be the persons who executed the foregoing Articles of Incorporation, and who is personally known to me or who has produced Florida Drivers License as identification and who did take an oath.

WITNESS my hand and seal this 32va day of 4ml, 2004

PRINT NAME OF NOTARY PUBLIC

My Commission Expires: 01-33-00

(SEAL):

Debra I. Loadhoftz
MY COMMISSION # DD085666 EXPIRES
January 22, 2886
PONDED THRUTPOY FAIN INSURANCE, INC.

#### ACCEPTANCE OF REGISTED AGENT

Having been named to accept service of process for the above stated corporation, at the place designated in these Articles of Incorporation, I hereby agree to act in the is capacity, and I further agree to comply with the provisions of all statutes relative to the proper and complete performance of my duties.

Beth Schoenfelder

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