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

SUBJECT: P.A.W.S. - Peoples Alliance for Wildlife Survival, Inc. - Florida Chapter (PROPOSED CORPORATE NAME - MUST INCLUDE SUFFIX)

Enclosed is an original a	and one(1) copy of the Artic	les of Incorporation and	a check for :
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ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF

Peoples Alliance for Wildlife Survival, Inc. Florida Chapter

A Florida Not-For-Profit Corporation

ARTICLE I

Name

The name of this corporation is: Peoples Alliance for Wildlife Survival, Inc., Florida Chapter, whose articles are drafted pursuant to Chapter 617.0202, F.S.

ARTICLE II

Principal Office

The principal place of business and physical mailing address for Peoples Alliance for Wildlife Survival, Inc., Florida Chapter, shall be, 12145 SE 133rd Terrace, Ocklawaha, Florida 32179-5120.

ARTICLE III

Purpose(s)

Section –1. The enabling law for this corporation is organization pursuant to the Florida Not for Profit Corporation Act. This corporation is organized and shall be operated exclusively for volunteer public service, educational and scientific pursuits, resource conservation and rehabilitation, and not for pecuniary profit. The corporation is a public not for profit organization within the definition of Section 240.299, Florida Statutes, and as such is organized and operated exclusively to receive, hold, invest, and administer assets and property, and to make expenditures for the benefit of obtaining the goals of P.A.W.S. – Peoples Alliance for Wildlife Survival, Inc. Additional purposes of this corporation shall include those goals broadly outlined in ARTICLE III, Section 2, of these articles.

The corporation shall provide means by which discoveries, innovations, inventions and the work products of officers, directors, board members, general members, affiliates and volunteers of P.A.W.S. – Peoples Alliance for Wildlife Survival, Inc., Florida Chapter, may be patented, developed, applied and utilized in order that the results of such research shall be made available to the public, and that any proprietary funds be made available from such discoveries, innovations, inventions, processes and work products for further use by the corporation.

Section – 2. Pursuant to our corporate mission statement, P.A.W.S. – Peoples Alliance for Wildlife Survival, Inc, utilizing various methods of fundraising, agency coordination, educational programs, and a largely all-volunteer membership, will:

- a. Coordinate with state, federal and local agencies to facilitate the establishment and implementation of a statewide first-responder network of qualified veterinarians, biologists, animal therapists, rehabilitative specialists, and qualified volunteers, to render emergency rescue and medical assistance and rehabilitation to injured Florida wildlife, with an end goal of reintroducing rehabilitated animals back into the Florida ecosystem.
- b. Establish and implement programs to augment natural food and water supplies and resources during periods of drought, and other periods of under-production of natural food sources.
- c. Provide volunteer working support to qualified statistical and academic research studies involving like-minded goals of conservation of forest wildlife and resources.
- d. Utilize specialists and volunteers to inventory forest wildlife, including movement and migratory patterns, and the recording of statistical data that will aid in conservation efforts.
- e. Work in conjunction with state, federal and local authorities to facilitate cleanup and removal of trash and illegally dumped materials from within Florida's forests and contiguous public and private lands where wildlife might come in contact with life-threatening or roaming-pattern altering obstacles and/or debris.
- f. Purchase or lease of properties contiguous to Florida's forests, for uses including additional habitat for existing wildlife, and as areas for rehabilitation of injured wildlife and reintroduction of rehabilitated animals back into the Florida ecosystem. Other uses would include specialized efforts to de-habituate previously habituated wildlife with an end goal of reintroducing the animals back into the wild.
- g. Purchase or lease of large parcels or tracts of Florida land, other than parcels contiguous to Florida forests, when said parcels might be considered to be of significant value to conservation efforts.
- h. Facilitate and implement wildlife education programs geared toward Florida homeowners, ranchers, farmers and beekeepers, with a goal of debunking myths about various species, as well as outlining methods to co-exist and to minimize and mitigate threats to affected individuals and animals
- Design and implement various and innovative youth programs in conjunction with state, federal, charitable and private sources, with an end goal of educating future generations about proper methods to conserve Florida's most precious wildlife resources.
- j. Establish a secondary network of "compensated" providers to treat, and/or aid in rehabilitation of injured wildlife, when typically volunteered services are not otherwise available or practical.
- k. Always conduct our efforts in an environmentally conscious way.
- 1. Maintain impeccable integrity, transparency and accountability in the day-to-day operation of our charity, and the handling of assets managed by it.

- m. After direct expenses, utilize at least 95% of donated funds towards the goals of our, and other like-minded organizations.
- n. Accept state or federal grant funds, when available, to assist in the endeavors outlined in our mission statement, when, said funds are provided without condition(s) contrary to our organizational goals.
- o. Without exception, maintain a roster of <u>non-compensated</u> corporate officers and board members to conduct operations pursuant to the by-laws of our organization.
- p. Allow open membership and volunteer status to all citizens of Florida without regard to age, sex, race, religious affiliation or national origin, who share our goals, exhibit high integrity, and a passion to participate in the protection, rehabilitation and conservation of Florida's wildlife.

Section – 3. All of the assets and earnings of the corporation shall be used exclusively for the exempt purposes set forth above, including, but not limited to, payment of expenses incidental thereto. No assets or income of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of the officers, directors or general members of the corporation. No assets or income of the corporation shall be used for political or lobbying activities, nor shall any of its officers, directors or managing membership, in their official capacity, seek to sway or to lobby any political member of any municipal, state or federal regulating or lawmaking organization.

ARTICLE IV

Manner of Election of Officers and Directors

Initially, Officers and Directors shall be as indicated in Section-V of these Articles of Incorporation, and thereafter, bi-annually, Officers shall be elected by a simple majority of members of the Board of Directors, and shall serve at the pleasure of the Board of Directors for a term of two years with a two-term limit. Board members shall be elected by a simple majority of general membership and shall serve at the pleasure of the general membership for a term of two years, with a two-term limit, pursuant to Bylaws.

ARTICLE V

Initial Directors and/or Officers

The names and street addresses of the initial Officers and Directors are:

<u>Name</u> <u>Address</u>

Sandy Gale Bowen 12145 SE 133rd Terrace Director/President/Treasurer Ocklawaha, Florida 32179

Michael E. Bowen

12145 SE 133rd Terrace

Director/Vice President/Secretary

Ocklawaha, Florida 32179

ARTICLE VI

Initial Registered Agent and Street Address

The initial registered agent for the corporation shall be Physical and Mailing:

Michael E. Bowen 12145 SE 133rd Terrace

Ocklawaha, Florida 32179-5120

Mailing: PO 830686

Ocala, FL 34483-0686

ARTICLE VII

Incorporator

The name and address of the incorporator is:

Sandy Gale Bowen

12145 SE 133rd Terrace

Ocklawaha, Florida 32179-5120

ARTICLE VIII

Amendments to Bylaws and Articles of Incorporation

The Bylaws of the corporation shall be adopted at the first meeting of the Board of Directors and may be adopted, altered, amended, or repealed by a majority vote of the Board of Directors at any regular or special meeting of the board, or by all directors signing a written statement manifesting their intention that the Bylaws be so treated.

ARTICLE IX

Term of Existence

This corporation shall commence to exist upon the date of signing of these articles of incorporation by the incorporator(s), and shall have perpetual existence unless dissolved pursuant to the laws of the State of Florida and these Articles of Incorporation.

ARTICLE X

Dissolution

Upon dissolution or winding up of this corporation, all of its assets remaining after payment of all costs and expenses of such dissolution shall be disbursed at the will of a simple majority vote of the total of all sitting Officers and Directors at the time of dissolution, in the following manner:

- a. By proper and transparent transfer to one or more organizations with like goals and objectives, provided the receiving organization(s) meet all requirements under Section 501 [c] [3], and the exempt rule pursuant to Section 170 [c] [2], of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, (or corresponding provisions of any subsequent revenue laws at the time of the transfer).
- b. Under no circumstances, shall any part of the closing assets of this corporation be distributed to any members, directors or officers of the dissolved entity.

· Peoples Alliance for Wildlife Survival, Inc., Florida Chapter, (continued)

Registered Agent Affirmation

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 do hereby agree to act in this capacity.

Signature of Registered Agent

Printed Name of Registered Agent

Incorporator

The undersigned, as the incorporator, for the purpose of forming this not-for-profit corporation under the laws of the State of Florida, has executed these Articles of Incorporation on this the 231d day of Ourous, 2006.

rinted Name of the Incorporator

Before me, a Notary Public duly authorized in the State of Florida, comes the INCORPORATOR, who having properly and lawfully identified herself to me, did execute pacribe to these Articles of Incorporation as indicated:

CYNTHIA A. O'CONNOR Notary Public - State of Florida ly Commission Expires Nov 15, 2009 Commission # DD 455701