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# SUBJECT: FLORIDA WILDLIFE RESCUE SERVICE, INC.

Enclosed is an original and one (1) copy of the Articles of Incorporation, and a check for:

\$78.75 Filing fee & Certified Copy.

FROM: Glenna Bolton 2995 US Hwy 441 S.E. Okeechobee, FL 34974 Telephone: (863) 634-1755

# ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF FLORIDA WILDLIFE RESCUE SERVICE, INC.

FILED 2007 MAY -7 PM 3:23 SECRETARY OF STATE ALL AHASSEE FI DRIDA I, the undersigned, a natural person competent to contract, being desirous of forming a non-profit corporation known as an association for charitable and educational purposes under the provisions of Chapter 617 of the Florida Statutes, do execute and adopt these Articles of Incorporation in a manner and form as follows:

# **ARTICLE I. NAME, OFFICE AND REGISTERED AGENT**

The name of this corporation is FLORIDA WILDLIFE RESCUE SERVICE,

INC., its principal address is 2995 US Hwy 441 S.E., Okeechobee, FL 34974, and its registered agent at that address is GLENNA BOLTON.

## **ARTICLE II. OBJECTS AND PURPOSES**

This corporation is organized and shall be operated exclusively for charitable and educational purposes within the meaning of Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law, for the purposes of :

1. The rescue of sick, injured, orphaned or otherwise impaired native wildlife for their rehabilitation and release.

2. The rescue of impaired or abandoned exotic wildlife for placement with permanent homes or sanctuaries

3. The education of the community with respect to issues affecting wildlife and to provide advice and assistance to individuals in order to humanely resolve conflicts between humans and wildlife.

4. To solicit and collect funds and contributions, receive by gift, deed, bequest,

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or devise or otherwise acquire funds to be used to purchase equipment, insurance and pay other assorted and sundry expenses in connection therewith.

In order to accomplish these objects and purposes the corporation shall be authorized:

1. To take and hold by gift, bequest, devise, purchase, or lease, absolutely or in trust, for one or more of such purposes, any personal or real property, without limitation as to amount or value, except such limitations if any, as may be imposed by law or instrument creating such transfers.

2. This corporation shall have those powers granted to non-profit corporations organized pursuant to the laws of the State of Florida; provided however, the corporation shall not exercise any power or engage in any prohibitive transactions or unreasonably accumulate income or otherwise invest in such manner which is not designed to accomplish the purposes herein set out or which would otherwise result in a denial of its tax-exempt status in accordance with the provisions of the applicable Federal, State or local law or regulations.

3. No substantial part of the activities of the corporation shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the organization shall not participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of or in opposition to any candidate for public office.

4. This being a corporation not for profit, it shall be operated exclusively for the purposes set out herein, and no part of its net earnings shall inure to the benefit of any of its members, officers, directors, or other private persons, except that the corporation shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and

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to make payments and distributions in furtherance of its stated purposes.

5. Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, this organization shall not carry on any activities not permitted to be carried on by any organization exempt from Federal income tax under Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Code.

# **ARTICLE III. MEMBERSHIP**

This corporation shall have no capital stock. The active members of this corporation shall be the directors of this corporation, as hereinafter set forth and shall constitute the initial members of this corporation. The qualification for Members and the manner of their admission shall be regulated by the By-Laws for this corporation.

### ARTICLE IV. EXISTENCE

This corporation shall have perpetual existence.

## ARTICLE V. SUBSCRIBER

The name of the subscribing incorporator to these Articles of Incorporation is:

### NAME

#### RESIDENCE

GLENNA BOLTON

2995 US Hwy 441 S.E. Okeechobee, Florida 34974

### **ARTICLE VI. OFFICERS**

The officers of this corporation shall be a President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer and any other such officers as may be provided in the By-Laws. All of such officers shall be active members of the corporation and in good standing and shall be elected by the Board of Directors as provided in the By-Laws. The names and residences of the first officers of this corporation are as follows:

| NAME            | OFFICE         | RESIDENCE  |
|-----------------|----------------|--|
| GLENNA BOLTON   | President      | 2995 US Hwy 441 S.E.<br>Okeechobee, Florida 34974              |
| JESSE CHRISTMAS | Vice-President | 2995 US Hwy 441 S.E.<br>Okeechobee, Florida 34974              |
| TERESA ALMOND   | Secretary      | 5286 S.E. 43 <sup>rd</sup> Avenue<br>Okeechobee, Florida 34974 |

### **ARTICLE VII. BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

The business, property, and affairs of this corporation shall be managed by the Board of Directors. This corporation shall have three (3) directors initially, and the number of directors may be increased or decreased from time to time as may be provided in the By-Laws but shall never be less than three (3).

The Board of Directors shall be elected and hold office as provided in the By-Laws.

The names and addresses of the persons who are to serve as directors for the ensuing year, or until the first annual meeting of the corporation are:

| NAME            | ADDRESS  |
|-----------------|--|
| GLENNA BOLTON   | 2995 US Hwy 441 S.E.<br>Okeechobee, Florida 34974              |
| JESSE CHRISTMAS | 2995 US Hwy 441 S.E.<br>Okeechobee, Florida 34974              |
| TERESA ALMOND   | 5286 S.E. 43 <sup>rd</sup> Avenue<br>Okeechobee, Florida 34974 |

### **ARTICLE VIII. BY-LAWS**

The Board of Directors of this corporation may provide such By-Laws for the conduct of its business and carrying out of its purposes as they may deem necessary from

time to time.

The By-Laws may be amended, altered, or rescinded by a majority of the vote of the members of the Board of Directors at any regular or special meeting called for that purpose and upon proper notice given to all directors.

# **ARTICLE IX. AMENDMENTS**

These Articles of Incorporation may be amended at any regular of special meeting of the membership called for that purpose, and upon the proper notice thereof to the members, by a majority of the vote of those present.

# **ARTICLE X. DISSOLUTION**

Upon dissolution of this corporation, assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, or corresponding section of any future Federal Tax Code, or shall be distributed to the Federal, State, or local government for a public purpose. Any such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by a court of competent jurisdiction, in the county in which the principal office of the corporation is then located, exclusively for such purposes.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I the subscribed have hereunto set my hand and seal to these Articles of Incorporation at Okeechobee, Okeechobee County, Florida, this  $30^{+1}$  day of April, 2007.

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Glenna Bolton

STATE OF FLORIDA COUNTY OF OKEECHOBEE

The forgoing instrument was acknowledged before me this  $30^{4}$  day of April, 2007, by GLENNA BOLTON, who (  $\checkmark$  ) is personally known to me ( ) produced a Florida Driver's License as identification.

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Christin Clifford Notary Public



# ACCEPTANCE OF REGISTERED AGENT

I certify that I am a permanent resident of Okeechobee County, Florida, residing at 2995 US Hwy 441 S.E., Okeechobee, Florida 34974. I hereby accept the designation as Registered Agent for FLORIDA WILDLIFE RESCUE SERVICE, INC., a Florida not for profit corporation.

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