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## COVER LETTER

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

**SUBJECT:** Okeechobee Battlefield Friends, Inc  
**(PROPOSED CORPORATE NAME - MUST INCLUDE SUFFIX)**

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

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☐ \$78.75  
Filing Fee  
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**ADDITIONAL COPY REQUIRED**

**FROM:** Dowling R Watford, Jr  
Name (Printed or typed)

3175 Hwy 441 S

Address

Okeechobee, FL 34974

City, State & Zip

863-763-2121

Daytime Telephone number

**NOTE: Please provide the original and one copy of the articles.**

ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION  
In Compliance with Chapter 617, F.S., (Not for Profit)

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**ARTICLE I NAME**

The name of the corporation shall be: Okeechobee Battlefield Friends, Inc.

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**ARTICLE II PRINCIPAL OFFICE**

The Street address of the initial principal office shall be: 3175 Hwy 441 S, Okeechobee, FL 34974.

**ARTICLE III PURPOSE**

The purposes of the corporation are:

1. To support and promote the Okeechobee Battlefield Historic State Park, a state park located on the site of the historic 1837 Battle of Okeechobee. The Battle of Okeechobee was a significant battle between US Army Troops and the Seminole Indians during the Second Seminole War.
2. To promote and assist in the planning, preparation, and presentation of an annual re-enactment of the Battle of Okeechobee.
3. To support the preservation and documentation of historic sites in the Lake Okeechobee area.

**ARTICLE IV MANNER OF ELECTION**

The initial members of the corporation shall be the voting members of the Board of Directors of the corporation. All members of the Board of Directors shall be voting members of the corporation and shall have the right to amend the Article of Incorporation and By-Laws of the corporation, and elect directors.

**ARTICLE V INITIAL DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS**

The initial directors and officers are:

Name	Address	Title
Shawn Henderson	P O Box 35, Okeechobee, FL 34973	Pres/D
Gary Ritter	205 N Parrott Ave, Okeechobee, FL 34972	VP/D
Dowling R Watford, Jr	3175 Hwy 441 S, Okeechobee, FL 34974	Treas/ D
Willie Johns	1025 Billy Joe's Way, Okeechobee, FL 34974	D
Greg Thogersen	2100 SE Ocean Blvd, Ste 300, Stuart, FL 34996	D
Linda Woloski	P O Box 1490, Okeechobee, FL 34973	D

ARTICLE VI INITIAL REGISTERED AGENT

The initial registered agent shall be: Dowling R Watford, Jr, 3175 Hwy 441 S, Okeechobee, FL 34974

ARTICLE VII INCORPORATOR

The incorporator is:

Shawn Henderson, P O Box 35, Okeechobee, FL 34973

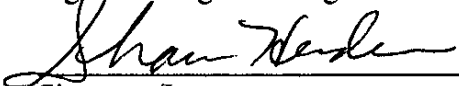
ARTICLE VIII DISTRIBUTION OF ASSETS UPON LIQUIDATION

Upon liquidation or dissolution of the corporation, its assets, if any, remaining after payment of all liabilities of the corporation, shall be distributed to one or more organizations qualified as exempt under 501 (c)(3) of the Internal Revenue code. No part of the assets of corporation shall inure to the benefit of a private individual.

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.

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature/Registered Agent

8/30/07  
Date

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature/Incorporator

8/30/07  
Date

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