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September 11, 2007

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

Dear Mr. Toner:

This letter is to certify to you that the North Florida Springs Alliance, 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 to Eryn Calabro at the above address, MS 535.

If further information is needed feel free to call Eryn Calabro at 245-2939.

Sincerely,

Mike Bullock  
Director  
Florida Park Service

MB/edc

Attachments

**ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF  
North Florida Springs Alliance Inc.  
(a corporation not for profit)**

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

**ARTICLE I  
Corporate Name**

The name of this corporation is North Florida Springs Alliance, Inc.

**ARTICLE II  
Principal Office**

The place in this state where the principal office of the Corporation is to be located is 12087 SW US Hwy 27, Ft. White, FL, 30238

**ARTICLE III  
Purposes**

This is a corporation not-for-profit organized exclusively for public charitable and educational purposes under Section 501( C)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future Federal Tax Code. Specifically, this not-for-profit corporation is organized to function as a citizen support organization for certain Florida State Parks (see appendix A) known as North Florida Springs Alliance and any and all entities, properties, and areas which now or in the future are managed by or in conjunction with North Florida Springs Alliance in order to generate and create additional resources and support for, and in the best interest of, the Park through events and activities, including but not necessarily limited to the following: work for the preservation, protection, interpretation and promotion of the Park; through special work projects, special programs, special events, outreach programs, educational activities and communications, special exhibits, interpretive programs, fund

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raising activities and events, guided tours, and additional activities or events which are designed to meet the needs of the Park

#### **ARTICLE IV Management of Corporate Affairs**

The powers of this Corporation shall be exercised, its properties controlled, and its affairs conducted by a Board of Directors. The Board of Directors shall be elected as set forth in the By-Laws of the Corporation.

The number of directors of this corporation shall be an odd number between 3 to 9, provided however, that such number may be changed by a majority vote of the Board of Directors present and entitled to vote at a meeting, and further provided that there shall be not less than three (3) directors. The directors hereinafter named shall hold office until the first annual meeting, at which time new directors will be elected. The names and addresses of such initial directors are provided under Article XII.

#### **ARTICLE V The names and addresses of the Board of Directors**

The names and residence addresses of the members of the initial Board of Directors of the Corporation are:

1. Kelly Jessop, 1019 Harrold Ave, Americus, GA., 31709
2. Cynthia Penney, 934 Walker Ave SW, Live Oak, FL., 32064
3. Linda Richardson, 386 SW Texas Ln, Ft White, FL., 32038
4. Jim Womble, 640 South Crest Road, Chattanooga, TN., 37407
5. Shelley Orlowski, 21505 154th Circle, Live Oak, FL., 32060

#### **ARTICLE VI Registered Agent and Office**

The street address of the initial registered office is: 2701 SE Maricamp Rd, Suite 104, Ocala, FL, 34471; and the name of the initial registered agent at such address is: Gregory S. Flanagan, Esquire.

**ARTICLE VII**  
**Name and Address of Undersigned Incorporator**

The name and address of the undersigned incorporator is:  
Kelly Jessop, 1019 Harrold Ave, Americus, GA., 31709

**ARTICLE VIII**  
**Duration**

This corporation shall exist perpetually from and after the date on which these Articles are filed with the Department of State, unless sooner dissolved voluntarily or by law.

**ARTICLE IX**  
**Membership**

The Board of Directors of the Corporation shall have the power to admit members to the Corporation in such manner, subject to such qualifications, and upon such terms and conditions as may be provided from time to time in the By-Laws of the Corporation as initially adopted by the Board of Directors, and as from time to time thereafter amended by the membership.

**ARTICLE X**  
**Amendment of the By-Laws**

By-Laws of the Corporation may be altered, rescinded or added to by a majority vote of the membership present and entitled to vote thereon any duly called general membership meeting of the Corporation upon 21 days notice of the proposed amendments.

**ARTICLE XI**  
**Amendment of the Articles on Incorporation**

Amendments to these Articles of Incorporation may be made by a majority vote of the membership present and entitled to vote at any duly called general membership meeting of the Corporation upon 21 days notice of the proposed amendments.

**ARTICLE XII**  
**Dedication of Assets**

The property of this Corporation is irrevocably dedicated to educational and charitable purposes as set forth above, and no part of the net income or assets of this corporation shall ever inure to the benefit of any director, officer or member thereof, or to the benefit of any private individual.

**ARTICLE XIII**  
**Earnings and Activities of the Corporation**

- (a) 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 II hereof.
- (b) 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.
- (c) Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, the corporation shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (1) by a

corporation 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 Law) or (2) by a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under Section 170 (c) (2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (or the corresponding provision of any future United State Internal Revenue Law.)

(d) Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, this Corporation shall not, except to an insubstantial degree, engage in any activities or exercise any powers that are not in furtherance of the purpose of this Corporation.

#### **ARTICLE XIV Distribution of Assets**

In the event of dissolution or other termination of the corporation, title to all of its assets shall vest in the Department of Environmental Protection of the State of Florida, or its successor, to be used exclusively for the purposes hereinabove set forth, if being intended that no distribution or payment shall be made which will impair or destroy the tax exempt status of the corporation or which will result in the denial of 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.

The undersigned incorporator has executed these Articles of Incorporation this

17 Day of July, 2007

  
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**STATE OF FLORIDA  
COUNTY OF Suwannee**

The forgoing instrument was acknowledged before me this 17<sup>th</sup> day of July 2007 by Kelly Jessop, who is personally known to me or has produced drivers license as identification.

**NOTARY PUBLIC:**

Sign: Teresa W. Williamson  
Print: Teresa W. Williamson  
State of Florida at Large  
(Seal)

My Commission Expires 12/12/07

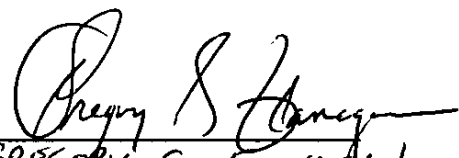
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**CERTIFICATE DESIGNATING AGENT UPON WHOM PROCESS MAY BE  
SERVED AND THE PLACE OF BUSINESS OR DOMICILE FOR  
THE SERVICE OF PROCESS WITHIN THE STATE OF FLORIDA**

In pursuance of Section 48.091 and Section 617.0501, Florida Statutes,  
the following is submitted in compliance with said sections:

North Florida Springs Alliance Inc. is desiring to organize under the laws  
of the State of Florida with its principal office as indicated in the Certificate of  
Incorporation, at Live Oak, Suwannee County, State of Florida, has named  
Gregory S. Flanagan, Esquire as its registered agent to accept service of process  
at its office within this state, who is located at 2701 SE Maricamp Rd. Suite  
104, Ocala., FL., 34471

Having been named as the registered agent for the above Corporation for the purpose of accepting service of process at the registered office designated in this certificate, I hereby accept such appointment and agree to act in such capacity. I agree to comply with the provisions of said sections relative to keeping open the registered office.

Registered Agent   
GREGORY S. FLANAGAN

Date 9-20-07

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Appendix A**

**Peacock Springs State Park  
Troy Springs State Park**