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UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA/IFAS PINELLAS COUNTY MASTER GARDENERS, INC

A NON-PROFIT CORPORATION

The undersigned, desiring to form a corporation not for profit under Chapter 617, *Florida Statutes*, hereby certifies:

ARTICLE I NAME

The name of this corporation is: UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA/IFAS PINELLAS COUNTY MASTER GARDENERS, INC

ARTICLE II PRINCIPAL ADDRESSS

The principal place of business and mailing address of the corporation is: 12520 Ulmerton Road, Largo, FL 33774-3602

ARTICLE III PURPOSE

- The corporation is organized and shall be operated as a corporation not for profit, exclusively for charitable and educational purposes as described in Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as now or hereafter amended ("Code").
- 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 be empowered to make the election authorized under Code Section 501(h). The corporation 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.

- Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, the corporation shall not carry on any activities not permitted to be carried on by an organization exempt from federal income tax under Code Section 501(c)(3) or by an organization, contributions to which are deductible under Code Section 170(c)(2).
- 4. Solely for the above purposes, the corporation is empowered to exercise all rights and powers conferred by the laws of the State of Florida upon corporations not for profit, including, but without limitation thereon, to receive gifts, bequests and contributions in any form, to use, apply, invest and reinvest the principal and/or income therefrom or distribute the same for the above purposes.
- 5. Without in any way limiting the foregoing purposes, the corporation shall be authorized to receive contributions and to make distributions of cash and property which qualify as "qualified distributions," as defined in Code Section 4942(g) or which qualify as a "set-aside," as described in Code Section 4942(h).

ARTICLE IV MANNER OF ELECTION OF DIRECTORS

The method of election of the corporation's directors shall be stated in the bylaws.

The names and addresses of the initial directors are:

Charles Scaffidi, 16450 Gulf Blvd., #666, N. Redington Beach, FL 33708, Chair.

Patsy Schamber, 708 Bruce Ave., Clearwater, FL 33708, Vice Chair.

Linda Barnette, 15497 Bedford Circle East, Clearwater, FL 33764, Secretary.

Luis Rey, 1524 20th Street S.W., Largo, FL 33770, Treasurer.

ARTICLE V LIMITATIONS

- 1. 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 III 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 or in opposition to 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 Code Section 501(c)(3), or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or (b) by a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under Code Section 170(c)(2), or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code.
- 2. The corporation will distribute its income for each tax year at a time and in a manner as not to become subject to the tax on undistributed income imposed by Code Section 4942, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code.
- 3. The corporation will not engage in any act of self-dealing as defined in Code Section 4941(d), or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

- 4. The corporation will not retain any excess business holdings as defined in Code Section 4943(c), or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code.
- 5. The corporation will not make any investments in a manner as to subject it to tax under Code Section 4944, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code.
- 6. The corporation will not make any taxable expenditures as defined in Code Section 4945(d), or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

ARTICLE VI DISTRIBUTION OF ASSETS ON DISSOLUTION

In the event the corporation dissolves, the board of directors shall, after paying or making provisions for payment of all of the liabilities of the corporation, distribute all remaining assets of the corporation exclusively to charitable organizations which would then qualify under the provisions of Code Section 501(c)(3) and the treasury regulations, as now they exist, or as they may hereafter be amended.

ARTICLE VII REGISTERED OFFICE AND AGENT

The name and street address of the registered office and registered agent of the corporation are:

Charles Scaffidi, 12520 Ulmerton Road, Largo, FL 33774-3602

ARTICLE VIII INCORPORATOR

The name and address of the person signing these Articles are:

Charles Scaffidi, 16450 Gulf Blvd., #666, N. Redington Beach, FL 33708
Linda Barnette, 15497 Bedford Circle East, Clearwater, FL 33764,

Secretary. IN WITNESS WHEREOFF, the undersigned has subscribed his name this 12 day or DECEMBER, 2007, at LARGO, Florida. Authorized Representative Authorized Representative STATE OF FLORIDA COUNTY OF PINELLAS BEFORE ME, personally appeared har les personally known to me or who produced who executed the foregoing, and acknowledged to and before me that he executed said instrument for the purposes therein expressed. WITNESS my hand and official seal, this the 12th day of December, 2007, in the aforesaid County and State. Notary Public ANDREW MADDUX Print Name: Notary Public - State of Florida Commission No.: ly Commission Expires Jul 13, 2009 Commission # DD 450403 My Commission Expires: Bonden By National Notary Assn. STATE OF FLORIDA COUNTY OF PINELLAS BEFORE ME, personally appeared / Luda personally known to me or who produced who executed the foregoing, and acknowledged to and before me that he executed said instrument for the purposes therein expressed. WITNESS my hand and official seal, this the 17th day of 1 ecember, 2007, in the aforesaid County and State. Notary Public ANDREW MADDUX Print Name: Notary Public - State of Florida Commission No.: Commission Expires Jul 13, 2009

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My Commission Expires:

Acknowledgment of Registered Agent

Having been named to accept service of process for the above stated corporation, at place designated in the Articles, I hereby accept to act in this capacity, and agree to comply with the provision of said Act relative to keeping open said office.

Bv:

Charles Scaffid

Registered Agent