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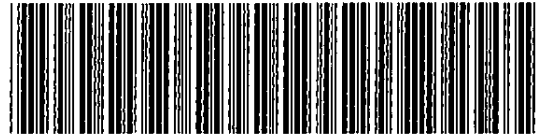
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Department of State
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SUBJECT: Friends of the Tampa Bay National Wildlife Refuge, Inc.
(PROPOSED CORPORATE NAME - MUST INCLUDE SUFFIX)

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

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☒ \$87.50
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ADDITIONAL COPY REQUIRED

FROM: Barbara Howard
Name (Printed or typed)

2829 Skimmer Point Drive South
Address

Gulfport, Florida, 33707
City, State & Zip

727 343-1272 or 727 512-4914
Daytime Telephone number

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ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION
OF
FRIENDS OF THE TAMPA BAY NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGES, INC
A NOT FOR PROFIT CORPORATION

THE UNDERSIGNED, acting as incorporators of a corporation pursuant to Chapter 617, Florida Statutes, adopt the following ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION:

ARTICLE I
NAME

The name of the Corporation is FRIENDS OF THE TAMPA BAY NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGES, INC., a not for profit corporation, hereinafter referred to as the Corporation.

ARTICLE II
PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS
AND MAILING ADDRESS

The principle place of business and mailing address of this corporation shall be:

Friends of the Tampa Bay National Wildlife Refuges, Inc.
Chassahowitzka National Wildlife Refuge Complex
1502 SE Kings Bay Drive
Crystal River, FL 34429

Mailing address:

Friends of the Tampa Bay National Wildlife Refuges, Inc.
P.O. Box 40782
St. Petersburg, FL 33743-0782

ARTICLE III

EXEMPT STATUS

The corporation is constituted to attract substantial support through contributions, directly or indirectly, from a representative number of persons in the community in which it operates, and has not been formed for pecuniary profit or financial gain and no part of the assets, income, or profit of the Corporation is distributable to, or inures to the benefit of its directors or officers except to the extent permitted under the Not-for-Profit Corporation Law, Chapter 617, Florida Statutes. 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. Notwithstanding any other provision of this certificate, 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 Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law) or (b) by a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under Section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law).

ARTICLE IV

PURPOSES

THE PURPOSES for which the Corporation is to be formed are for scientific, educational and charitable purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 and in this connection, these purposes include, but are not limited to:

1. Conserve, protect and enhance fish and wildlife and their habitats for the continuing benefit of the American people;
2. Support the stewardship of the National Wildlife Refuge System;
3. Promote a better awareness, appreciation, conservation and responsible utilization of the Refuge Complex;
4. Promote the preservation of the natural and historical resources of the Refuges, foster their use and enjoyment by the public consistent with the protection and preservation of the environment, and engage in such educational, scientific and civic activities to assist the Refuges;
5. Produce and make available to Refuge visitors, by sales or free distribution, suitable:
 - a) Interpretive and educational materials to increase the visitors understanding of the Refuges, wildlife, and the environment;
 - b) Special materials, memorabilia and events of the Refuges that will enhance visitor enjoyment;

6. Acquire materials, supplies, equipment and/or labor which may be retained by the Corporation, or donated to the Service or Refuges to support operational, educational or maintenance projects as agreed with the Refuge representatives;
7. Encourage and facilitate private and public financial contributions in order to enhance the National Wildlife Refuge System; and,
8. To do any other act or thing incidental to or connected with the forgoing purpose or in advancement thereof, but not for the pecuniary profit or financial gain of its directors or officers except as permitted under the Not-for-Profit Corporation Law of Florida. In furtherance of its corporate purposes, the Corporation shall have all general powers enumerated in section 202 of the Not-for-Profit Corporation Law.

To accomplish these purposes, the corporation may solicit, receive, purchase and borrow with or without security, real and personal property, including funds by way of gifts, contributions and subscriptions, and administer, own, hold, convey, transfer, disburse, lend and sell the same for such charitable, scientific, literary and educational purposes as are permitted by section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of the United States as it now exists and as hereafter amended, and no assets of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of any private individual. No substantial part of the activities of this corporation shall consist of carrying on propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, nor shall this corporation take part in any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office. Upon dissolution of this corporation, any remaining assets shall be transferred only to an organization having like charitable, scientific, literary and educational purposes as are permitted by section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of the United States.

Friends of the Tampa Bay National Wildlife Refuges Inc. is an independent non-profit corporation dedicated, amongst other purposes, to supporting but not constrained by, the primary purposes for which the Chassahowitzka National Wildlife Refuge Complex was established.

The corporation is organized and operated solely for administrative and managerial purposes. It is not intended that the corporation show any net earnings; but no part of any net earnings that do occur shall inure to the benefit of any private member.

ARTICLE V
MANNER OF ELECTION OF DIRECTORS

The manner in which the directors are elected or appointed shall be set forth in the By-Laws of the Corporation which are to be adopted at the initial meeting of the Directors. The initial Directors names and addresses are as follows:

Barbara Howard
2829 Skimmer Point Drive South
Gulfport, FL 33707

David Howard
2829 Skimmer Point Drive South
Gulfport, FL 33707

Joyce Galiardo
10456 Shady Oak Lane
Largo, FL 33777

Janica Johnson
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Martha Garcia
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St. Petersburg, FL 33703

Patricia Kiesylis
231 44th Avenue NE
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Sidney Crawford
PO Box 576
Ozona, FL 34660

Barbara Meyer
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St Petersburg, FL 33705

David Kandz
9685 2nd Street North
St Petersburg, FL 33702

Carla Garbin
4710 Bay Street NE
St Petersburg, FL 33703

Jo Claycomb
12042 W. Tarpon Ct
Homosassa, FL 34448

U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service non-voting ex-officio members of the board:

James Kraus, Refuge Manager
Chassahowitzka NWR Complex
1502 SE Kings Bay Dr.
Crystal River, FL 34429

Richard Meyers, Assistant Refuge Manager
Chassahowitzka NWR Complex
1502 SE Kings Bay Drive
Crystal River, FL 34429

ARTICLE VI
INITIAL REGISTERED AGENT AND STREET ADDRESS

The initial registered agent and registered office of the corporation in the State of Florida is:

Barbara Howard
2829 Skimmer Point Drive South
Gulfport, FL 33707

ARTICLE VII
INCORPORATORS

The names and addresses of the incorporators for these Articles of Incorporation are:

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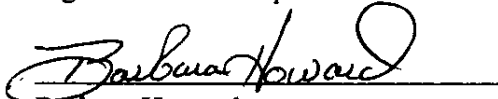
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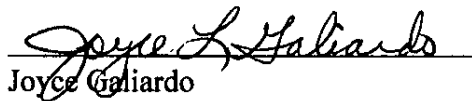
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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we, the undersigned, being the incorporators of this corporation, have, for the purpose of forming this nonprofit corporation under the laws of the State of Florida executed these Articles of Incorporation on this 5th day of May, 2008.

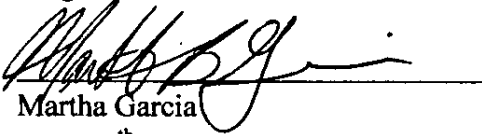
Signatures of Incorporators:



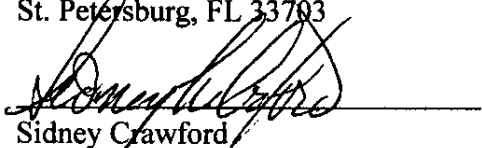
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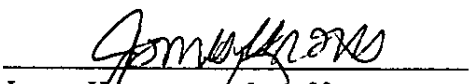
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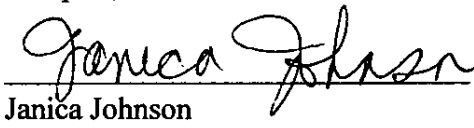
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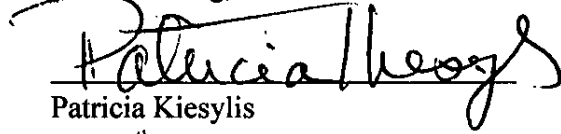
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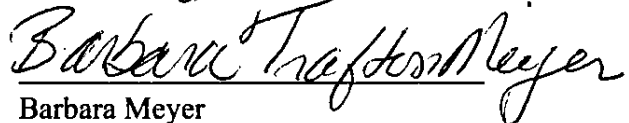
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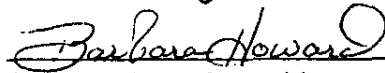
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CERTIFICATE OF DESIGNATION
REGISTERED AGENT/REGISTERED OFFICE

Pursuant to the provisions of Sections 617.0501, Florida Statutes, the undersigned corporation, organized under the laws of the State of Florida, submits the following statement in designation the registered office/registered agent, in the State of Florida:

1. The name of the corporation is Friends of the Tampa Bay National Wildlife Refuges Inc.,
A Not for Profit Corporation;
2. The name and address of the registered agent and office is:
Barbara Howard
2829 Skimmer Point Drive South
Gulfport, FL 33707

DATED this 5th day of May, 2008



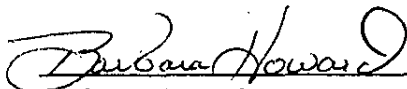
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ACCEPTANCE OF APPOINTMENT AS REGISTERED AGENT

I hereby accept appointment as the registered agent of Friends of the Tampa Bay National Wildlife Refuges; A Not for Profit Corporation, at the initial registration office of the Corporation at Chassahowitzka National Wildlife Refuge Complex Headquarters, 1502 SE Kings Bay Drive, Crystal River, Florida 34429

DATED this 5th day of May, 2008


Barbara Howard

STATE OF FLORIDA
COUNTY OF PINELLAS

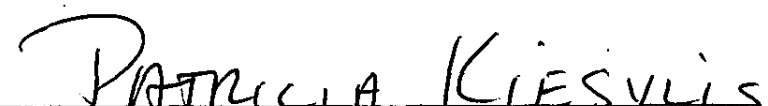
BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, personally appeared James Kraus, known to me to be the person described in and who executed the foregoing Articles of Incorporation for Friends of the Tampa Bay National Wildlife Refuges Inc.; A Not for Profit Corporation, and that he said instrument is for the purposes therein expressed. Said person is personally known or produced a Florida driver's license as identification.

WITNESS my hand and official seal this 5 day of May, 2008.

(Seal)

PATRICIA KIESYLIS
Notary Public, State of Florida
My Comm. Expires Oct. 3, 2009
No. DD477665


Notary Public


Printed Name of Notary Public