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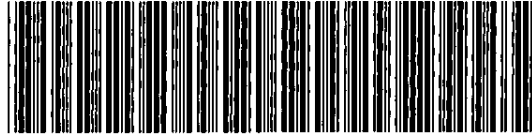
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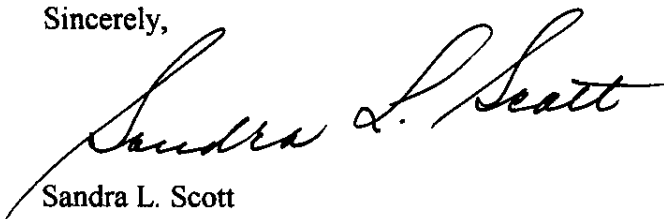
RE: Hardee County Friends of the Parks, Inc.

Gentlemen:

Enclosed please find our check in the amount of \$87.50 along with the Articles of Incorporation for Hardee County Friends of the Parks, Inc.
I have also enclosed the cover letter that was previously mailed to us advising that payment had not accompanied the original application.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,


Sandra L. Scott

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**ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION
OF
HARDEE COUNTY FRIENDS OF THE PARKS, INC.
A FLORIDA CORPORATION NOT FOR PROFIT**

The undersigned citizens of the United States, desiring to form a not for profit corporation under the Florida Not For Profit Corporation Act, Chapter 617, Florida Statutes, certify and acknowledge the following:

ARTICLE I. NAME

The name of the Corporation shall be: Hardee County Friends of the Parks, Inc.

ARTICLE II. PRINCIPAL OFFICE

The principal place of business of the corporation shall be: 2822 Museum Drive, Zolfo Springs, Florida 33890.

ARTICLE III. PURPOSE

- A. The purpose of the Corporation shall be to act as a non-profit corporation which will function as a resource to provide events and activities in all of the parks of Hardee County for the pleasure of its citizens. Activities will include, but not limited to, special programs, special events, outreach programs, educational activities and communications, special exhibits, and interpretive programs. It will be involved in fund raising activities to seek additional funds to enhance and expand the parks services to the public.
- B. The Corporation is a corporation not for profit as defined in Section 617.01401, Florida Statutes, and shall not operate for profit.
- C. No part of the new earnings of the Corporation shall be to the benefit of, or be distributed to its members, directors, officers or other private persons.
- D. The Corporation shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on by a corporation exempt from Federal income tax under Section 501(C)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code or by a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under Section 170(C)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code.
- E. Except as otherwise limited herein, the Corporation shall be entitled to exercise all rights and powers conferred by the laws of the State of Florida upon corporations not for profit, to acquire by bequest or gift or purchase any property of any nature without limitation as to its amount or value and to hold, manage, expend, disburse or donate such property and the income, principal and proceeds of such property, for any of the purposes set forth herein.

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ARTICLE IV. BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND MANNER OF ELECTION

The management of the Corporation shall be vested in a Board of Directors. The Directors of the Corporation shall be appointed in accordance with methods and qualifications specified in the bylaws of the Corporation. In no event, shall the number of directors be fewer than three (3). The number of Directors may be increased or decreased from time to time in accordance with the Bylaws, but shall never be less than three (3).

ARTICLE V. INITIAL DIRECTORS

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>
1. Sandra L. Scott	1412 State Road 64 West, Wauchula, Florida 33873
2. Daniel F. Weeks	329 Riverside Drive, Wauchula, Florida 33873
3. Diana Youmans	1152 Vandolah Road, Wauchula, Florida 33873

ARTICLE VI. INITIAL REGISTERED AGENT

The initial name and street address of the Registered Agent of this Corporation is as follows: Daniel F. Weeks is 329 Riverside Drive, Wauchula, Florida 33873

ARTICLE VII. INCORPORATOR

The name and street address of the Incorporator of this Corporation is as follows: Sandra L. Scott, 1412 State Road 64 West, Wauchula, Florida 33873

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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.

Daniel F. Weeks

Signature/Registered Agent

1/9/09

Date

Sandra L. Scott

Signature/Incorporator

1/9/09
Date

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