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| 16103 S.W. 107 PL Address                               |   |  | -  |  |
|   | MIAMI, FL. 33157                          |  |  |  |

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## ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF THE GLOBAL EXCURSION OPERATORS ASSOCIATION (NC. 14 P) 3-42

THE UNDERSIGNED, being over the age of eighteen (18) years, for the purpose of incorporating a not-for-profit corporation pursuant to Chapter 617, Florida Statutes, hereby adopt the following Articles for such corporation:

ARTICLE 1: The name of the Corporation shall be Global Excursion Operators Association, Inc. by which name it may sue and be sued, contract and be contracted with, and employ a corporate seal. The initial principal office and place of business for the corporation shall be 16103 S.W. 107 Place, Miami, Florida 33157.

**ARTICLE II:** The period of duration of the corporation is perpetual unless dissolved according to law. Corporate existence shall commence on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of September, 2009.

ARTICLE III: This corporation is organized as a not-for-profit corporation established to operate exclusively for recreational, educational and charitable purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c) (7) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, its regulations, or the corresponding provision of any applicable future United States Internal Revenue law of regulations (hereinafter collectively referred to as the "code"), and such purposes shall include, but not limited to, the following: (a) Promote and improve the safety of excursion operators worldwide and establish safety requirements (b) Publish relevant procedures and issue compliance certification to participating members; and (c) Organize and conduct charitable fund-raising events and functions.

This corporation is irrevocably dedicated to recreational, educational and charitable non-profit purposes; and no part of the net earnings or assets of the corporation shall be distributed to, nor inure to the benefit of any private individual.

**ARTICLE IV:** To promote the Corporate purposes set forth in Article III hereof, the Corporation is empowered:

- (a) To buy, own, sell assign, mortgage or lease, any interest in real estate and personal property and to construct, maintain and operate improvements thereon necessary or incidental to the accomplishment of the purposes set forth in Article III hereof.
- (b) To borrow money and issue evidences of indebtedness in furtherance of any or all of the objects of its business, and to

secure the same by mortgage, pledge or other lien on the corporation's property.

- (c) To do and perform all acts reasonably necessary to accomplish the purposes of the Corporation.
- (d) Notwithstanding any other provision of these Articles, this 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) (7) of the Code.
- (e) In the event of dissolution, the residual assets of the organization will e turned over to one or more organizations which themselves are exempt as organizations described in Section 501 (c) (7) of the Code. Any such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by the Circuit Court of the county in which the principal office of the corporation is then located, exclusively for such purposes or to such organization or organizations, as said Court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purpose.

**ARTICLE V:** Membership in the Corporation shall, at all times, be limited to the Directors and such other individuals as the Board of Directors of this Corporation shall from time to time admit to membership as members of this Corporation.

**ARTICLE VI:** The number of Directors of the Corporation shall always be at least three (3), but not more that eight (8) and shall be persons who are elected by majority vote of the members of the Corporation present and voting, to the offices set forth in Article IX hereof, plus such other persons (not to exceed five (5)) who are elected by majority vote of the members of the Corporation present and voting.

The members of this Corporation may at a regular or special meeting of the members called for that purpose, by a vote of not less than two thirds of the members of the Corporation present and voting, remove any director of this corporation as a director and elect a new director by majority vote of the members of the Corporation present and voting to fill the vacancy created by the removal. The directors shall serve without compensation. The names and addresses of the persons who are to serve as the initial directors are:

| <u>Name</u>    | <u>Address</u>                                |
|----------------|---|
| Margaret Defoe | 16103 S.W. 107 Place,<br>Miami, Florida 33157 |
| Noreen Salas   | 16103 S.W. 107 Place,<br>Miami, Florida 33157 |
| Joe Keenan     | 16103 S.W. 107 Place,<br>Miami, Florida 33157 |

ARTICLE V11: The name and address of the incorporator is :

| <u>Name</u>       | <u>Address</u>                                |
|-------------------|---|
| Margaret C. Defoe | 16103 S.W. 107 Place,<br>Miami, Florida 33157 |

ARTICLE V111: The affairs of the Corporation shall be managed by the board of directors, officers, agents and employees of the corporation acting under the authority of the board of directors. Each director shall hold office for the term for which he/she is elected and until his/her successor shall have been elected and qualified, or until his/her earlier resignation, removal from office or death.

ARTICLE IX: The officers of this corporation shall consist of a president, a vice president who shall act as recording secretary, when there is no person filling that office, and a treasurer and such other officers as may be designated in the by-laws of this corporation. The officers of the Corporation shall be elected by a majority of members of the corporation present and voting at the annual meeting, for terms of 1 year.

The officers who shall serve under these Articles of Incorporation until the first election are as follows:

| <u>Title</u>   | <u>Name</u>                  |
|----------------|------------------------------|
| Margaret Defoe | President                    |
| Noreen Salas   | Vice President and Secretary |
| Joe Keenan     | Treasurer                    |

**ARTICLE X:** By-laws of the corporation may be adopted, altered or rescinded by a majority of the board of directors at a regular or special meeting of the board called for that purpose, as long as they are not inconsistent with the provisions of these Articles.

ARTICLE X1: The Articles of Incorporation may be amended pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 617, Florida Statutes, (or any corresponding provision of any subsequent Florida Statute), except that no amendment can be adopted which would cause a loss of tax exempt status under Section 501 (c) (7) of the Code.

ARTICLE X11: No part of the net earnings of the Corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its members, directors, officers or other private persons, except that the Corporation may be authorized to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth in Article III hereof.

ARTICLE X111: The street address and city of the initial registered office of the Corporation is: 16103 S.W. 107 Place, Miami, Florida 33157 and its initial Registered Agent at such address is Margaret C. Defoe.

Margaret C. Defoe Registered Agent

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I,** the undersigned incorporator of this Corporation have executed these Articles of Incorporation this  $1^{st}$  day of September, 2009.

Margaret C. Defoe

Incorporator