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## ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF WILDLIFE FOUNDATION OF FLORIDA MITIGATION TRUST FUNDS, INC.

#### A Florida Not-for-profit Corporation

The undersigned, a majority of whom are citizens of the United States, desire to form a non-profit corporation under the "Florida Not For Profit Corporation Act" (Chapter 617, Florida Statutes) and do hereby certify:

#### Article 1.

#### Name

The name of this Corporation shall be Wildlife Foundation of Florida Mitigation Trust Funds, Inc.

#### Article 2.

#### **Principal Office**

The principal place of business shall be 620 S. Meridian St., Tallahassee, FL 32399-1600. and the mailing address of the Corporation shall be P.O. Box 11010, Tallahassee, FL 32302.

#### Article 3.

#### **Corporate Purposes**

The Corporation shall be a member, nonprofit organization formed and operated within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code, including the making of distributions to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations under Section 501(c)(3). The sole or primary function of the corporation is to provide funding for the maintenance and land stewardship of projects established by trust agreements entered into by various grantors with the Wildlife Foundation of Florida, Inc. for the protection of natural resources.

#### Article 4.

#### **Corporate Powers**

The Corporation shall have and exercise all powers accorded not-for-profit corporations under the laws of the State of Florida which are not in conflict with the Corporation's exempt purposes as provided in Article 3, above. Specifically, except as provided in Article 7, no part of the assets or the net earnings of the Corporation shall inure to the benefit of or be distributable to any officer, director, or any other person, 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 3, above.

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#### Article 5.

#### **Board of Directors**

Section 5.01. The powers of the Corporation shall be exercised by or under the authority of, and the affairs of the Corporation shall be managed under the direction of, a Board of Directors, the number of which may be either increased or decreased from time to time as regulated by the Bylaws but shall consist of not fewer than three. The manner and method of election of the Board of Directors shall be as stated in the Bylaws of the Corporation. Where not inconsistent with Chapter 617, Florida Statutes, and the express provisions of these Articles of Incorporation, the Board of Directors shall have all the rights, powers, and privileges prescribed by law of directors of corporations for profit.

Section 5.02. The initial Board of Directors of the Corporation shall consist of three (3) members, as set forth below, who shall hold office for such terms as provided in the Bylaws of the Corporation and until their successors have been elected and qualified or until their earlier resignation, removal from office, inability to act, or death:

Nick Wiley	Kenneth D. Haddad
620 South Meridian Street	2675 Hickory Ridge Rd.
Tallahassee, FL 32399-1600	Tallahassee, FL 32308
Dr. David Nye	
9325 SW 46 Place	
Gainesville, FL 32608	

#### Article 6.

#### **Amendments**

These Articles of Incorporation may be altered, amended or repealed by the members of the Board of Directors present at any regular or special meeting, provided the notice of such meeting shall have contained a copy of the proposed alteration, amendment or repeal.

### Article 7.

#### Dissolution

Upon dissolution, all of the Corporation's assets remaining after payment of all costs and expenses of such dissolution shall be distributed to Wildlife Foundation of Florida, Inc. None of the assets shall be distributed to any officer or director of the Corporation, or any other person or organization not described in the preceding sentence.

#### Article 8.

#### Registered Office and Registered Agent

The name and Florida street address of the Registered Agent of the Corporation are as follows:

James W. Bradford 620 S. Meridian St. Tallahassee, FL 32399-1600

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Having been named as registered agent to accept service of process for the above-named corporation at the place designated in this document, I am familiar with and accept the appointment as registered agent and agree to act in this capacity.

Article 9. **Incorporators** 

The names and addresses of the incorporators of the Corporation are:

James W. Bradford	Charles B. Boston
620 S. Meridian St.	1335 Seale Drive
Tallahassee, FL 32399-1600	Alpharetta, GA 30022

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have executed these Articles of Incorporation of Wildlife Foundation of Florida Mitigation Trust Funds, Inc. on this 24 day of December, 2009.

Charles B. Boston/Incorporator

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