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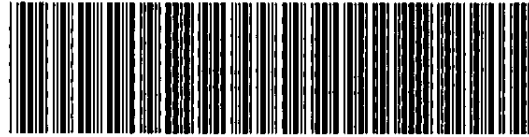
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Department of State  
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SUBJECT: NATURE COAST COALITION, INC.  
(PROPOSED CORPORATE NAME - MUST INCLUDE SUFFIX)

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

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FROM: DARDEN RICE  
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727-560-2479  
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DARDEN.RICE@MAC.COM  
E-mail address: (to be used for future annual report notification)

**NOTE: Please provide the original and one copy of the articles.**

**ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF FOUNDATION, INC.**  
In compliance with Chapter 617, F.S., (Not for Profit)

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**ARTICLE I NAME**

The name of the corporation (the "Corporation") is **NATURE COAST COALITION, INC.**

**ARTICLE II PRINCIPAL OFFICE**

The principal office or mailing address of the Corporation is **5500 LEAHY LANE, NEW PORT RICHEY, FLORIDA 34652**

**ARTICLE III PURPOSE**

The Corporation is organized exclusively for charitable and educational purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law (the "Code") and is not formed for pecuniary profit or financial gain. Specifically, the purpose of the Corporation is to receive and maintain real or personal property (including cash contributions), or both, and, subject to the restrictions and limitations hereinafter set forth in these Articles and in its Bylaws, to use and apply the whole or any part of the income therefrom and the principal thereof for charitable, religious, scientific, literary, or educational purposes within the meaning of these terms as used in Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 ("the Code") and the Treasury Regulations promulgated thereunder, as they now exist or as they may hereafter be amended.

The Corporation is authorized to perform any lawful act or activity for which corporations not-for-profit may be formed under the Florida Not-For-Profit Corporation Act. Notwithstanding any other provisions of these Articles to the contrary, the Corporation shall not have or exercise any power which would cause it not to qualify as a tax-exempt organization under Section 501(c)(3) of the Code; nor shall the Corporation engage directly or indirectly in any activity which would cause the loss of such qualification.

**ARTICLE IV MEMBERS**

The Corporation shall have no members. The corporation is organized under a non-stock basis and shall have members. The qualification and admission of members shall be governed by the provisions of the bylaws of the corporation

**ARTICLE V DIRECTORS**

Section 1. The Board of Directors of the Corporation shall consist of three Directors, to be elected as provided in the Bylaws. The names and addresses of the Corporation's initial directors are:

**WHITEY MARKLE (PRESIDENT)** 1981 NW 186 Place Citra, Florida 32113  
**EMILY CASEY (VICE PRESIDENT)** 1430 E. Hartford St. Inverness, FL 34453  
**DAN HILLIARD (TREASURER)** 16551 W. River Road Inglis, Florida 34449

Section 2. The Board of Directors may, by resolution or amendment to the Bylaws, increase or decrease the number of Directors at any time; **provided** that there shall never be fewer than three Directors, or such other minimum number as may be required by Florida law.

Section 3. The Directors shall exercise all powers of the Corporation.

#### **ARTICLE VI OFFICERS**

The officers and their manner of election shall be as provided in the Bylaws or by action of the Directors.

**WHITEY MARKLE, PRESIDENT** 1981 NW 186 Place, Citra, Florida 32113  
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#### **ARTICLE VII TITLE TO PROPERTY**

Title to all property of the Corporation shall be held in the name of the Corporation or as otherwise may be provided pursuant to the authority of the Bylaws of the Corporation. Any gift, bequest, devise or donation of any kind whatsoever to the Corporation or its Board of Directors shall be deemed to vest title in the Corporation.

#### **ARTICLE VIII REGISTERED AGENT**

The name and address of the Corporation's registered agent is:

**Janice Howie**  
**5500 Leahy Lane**  
**New Port Richey, FL 34652**

#### **ARTICLE IX AMENDMENTS**

These Articles may be amended as provided in the Bylaws.

#### **ARTICLE X DISSOLUTION OF ASSETS**

Upon the liquidation or dissolution of the Corporation, its assets, if any, remaining after payment (or provision for payment) of all liabilities of the Corporation, shall be distributed to one or more organizations qualified as exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the Code.

Upon liquidation, the Board shall vote on the qualified organization or organizations to receive a distribution of the remaining assets of the Corporation. Only those organizations receiving a majority vote of the Board shall be entitled to receive a distribution. The Board shall determine which assets are to be distributed to the organizations receiving a majority vote and such determination of distribution shall be by majority vote of the Board.

#### **ARTICLE XI INCORPORATOR**

The name and address of the incorporator is:

**Darden Rice**  
**110 18<sup>th</sup> Avenue South**  
**Saint Petersburg, FL 33705**

#### **ARTICLE XII CHARITABLE RESTRICTIONS**

Section 1. Prohibition on Private Inurement. Notwithstanding any other provision of these Articles to the contrary, no part of the net earnings, current or accumulated, or property of the Corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributed to, any member (other than a member which is exempt from federal income tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Code), director, officer, or other private persons, except that the Corporation shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services actually rendered and to make payment and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth in these Articles.

Section 2. Prohibition on Dividends. Notwithstanding any other provision of these Articles to the contrary, the Corporation shall not have the power to declare dividends.

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Section 3. Limitation on Lobbying Activities. Notwithstanding any other provision of these Articles to the contrary, no substantial part of the activities of the Corporation shall be carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation.

Section 4. Prohibition on Intervening in Political Campaigns. Notwithstanding any other provision of these Articles to the contrary, 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.

Section 5. Tax-Exempt Status. Notwithstanding any other provision of these Articles to the contrary, 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 Code, or (b) by a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under Sections 170(c)(2), 2055(a)(2), and 2522(a)(2) of the Code.

#### **ARTICLE XIII INDEMNIFICATION**

*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 of registered agent and agree to act in this capacity.*

Janice L. Henne  
Required Signature of Registered Agent

6/3/11  
Date

*I submit this document and affirm that the facts stated herein are true. I am aware that any false information submitted in a document to the Department of State constitutes a third degree felony as provided for in s.817.155, F.S.*

Darby M.  
Required Signature of Incorporator

JUNE 1, 2011  
Date

The Corporation shall indemnify any officer, director or employee, or any former officer, director or former employee, to the fullest extent permitted by law.

The undersigned incorporator has executed these Articles of Incorporation this 2<sup>ST</sup> day of JUNE, ~~2010~~ 2011. DGR

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