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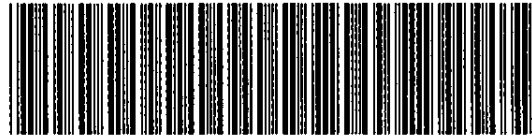
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SUBJECT: **FRIENDS OF ECISMA, INC.**

(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: **Stuart H. Krantz**
Name (Printed or typed)

10333 Canoe Brook CIR

Address

Boca Raton FL 33498-4605

City, State & Zip

954-732-3347

Daytime Telephone number

stuartkrantz@gmail.com

E-mail address: (to be used for future annual report notification)

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

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**ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION
OF
FRIENDS OF ECISMA, INC.**

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We, the undersigned, acting as incorporators of a not-for-profit Florida Corporation pursuant to Chapter 617.0202, Florida Statutes, adopt the following Articles of Incorporation:

ARTICLE I: NAME

The name of this corporation shall be FRIENDS OF ECISMA, INC.

ARTICLE II: OFFICE AND MAILING ADDRESS

The initial principal place of business shall be: National Park Service, 18001 OLD CUTLER RD STE 419, PALMETTO BAY FL 33157-6435.

The initial mailing address shall be: 10333 CANOE BROOK CIR, Boca Raton FL 33498-4605.

ARTICLE III: PURPOSE

The specific purposes for which this corporation is organized are:

- A. Educational Outreach to the public to further their knowledge regarding exotic invasive species threatening the Everglades Ecosystem.
- B. Financial support for the management of invasive species including Early Detection/Rapid Response activities by the Everglades Cooperative Invasive Species Management Area (ECISMA) to combat newly discovered invasive species.
- C. Any scientific, educational, or charitable purpose as specified in Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code or corresponding section of any future federal tax code and as relates to the forgoing purposes and/or the success of the Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan.
- D. Cooperative efforts related to the purposes of this corporation as specified in documents of the corporation including, but not limited to, its Bylaws and Memorandum of Understanding.

The purposes of FRIENDS OF ECISMA, INC. may be carried out in ways that include, but are not limited to, the making of grants or other distributions to other tax-exempt organizations or entities. The grants or other distributions must be used only with activities that fit the exempt purpose of FRIENDS OF ECISMA, INC. FRIENDS OF ECISMA, INC. must be able to verify that any and all grants or other distributions are used for FRIENDS OF ECISMA, INC. purposes written into these Articles.

ARTICLE IV: ELECTION OF DIRECTORS

The number of initial directors of this corporation is three. The manner in which the directors are elected or appointed is by a majority vote of the board. The duration of an elected term shall be three years. A term can be renewed after three years by a majority vote of the board.

ARTICLE V: INITIAL DIRECTORS NAME/TITLE/ADDRESS

The name and Florida street address of the directors are:

Stuart Krantz, President
10333 Canoe Brook CIR Boca Raton FL 33498-4605

Tony Pernas, Treasurer
18001 Old Cutler Road, Suite 419 Palmetto Bay, Florida 33157

Dennis Giardina, Secretary
3770 19th Avenue SW Naples FL 34117-6142

ARTICLE VI: REGISTERED AGENT

The names and street address of the initial Registered Agent.
(Sign/Type or print name below signature.)

Sign Name:

Stuart H. Krantz

Print Name:

Stuart H. Krantz

Street Address:

10333 Canoe Brook CIR
Boca Raton FL 33498-4605

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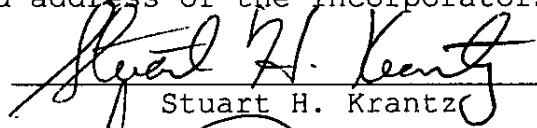
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ARTICLE VII: INCORPORATORS

The name and address of the Incorporators:

Sign Name:


Stuart H. Krantz

Street Address: 10333 Canoe Brook CIR
Boca Raton FL 33498-4605

Sign Name:


Tony Pernas

Street Address: 18001 Old Cutler Road, Suite 419
Palmetto Bay FL 33157-6435

Sign Name:


Dennis Giardina

Street Address: 3770 19th Avenue SW
Naples FL 34117-6142

ARTICLE VIII: EFFECTIVE DATE / DURATION

The effective date of this corporation shall be the date of receipt recorded by the FL Department of State. The period of duration of this corporation is perpetual.

ARTICLE IX: ADDITIONAL PROVISIONS

Any additional provisions for the operation of the corporation are as follows:

Upon the dissolution of this corporation, its assets remaining after payment, or provision for payment, of all debts and liabilities of this corporation shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code or shall be distributed to the federal government, or to a state or local government, for a public purpose.

No substantial part of the activities of this corporation shall consist of carrying on propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation (except as otherwise provided by Section 501(h) of the Internal Revenue Code), and this corporation shall not participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements), any

political campaign on behalf of, or in opposition to, any candidate for public office.

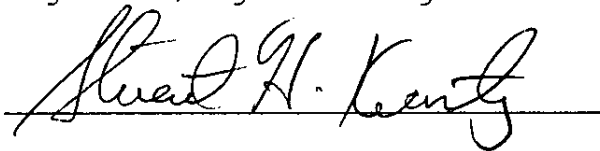
No part of the net earnings of this corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to, its members, directors, officers, or other private persons, except that this corporation shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth in these Articles.

Notwithstanding any other provision of these Articles, this corporation shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (1) by a corporation exempt from federal income tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code or (2) by a corporation contributions to which are deductible under Section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code.

In any taxable year in which this corporation is a private foundation as described in Section 509(a) of the Internal Revenue Code, the corporation 1) shall distribute its income for said period at such time and manner as not to subject it to tax under Section 4942 of the Internal Revenue Code; 2) shall not engage in any act of self-dealing as defined in Section 4941(d) of the Internal Revenue Code; 3) shall not retain any excess business holdings as defined in Section 4943(c) of the Internal Revenue Code; 4) shall not make any investments in such manner as to subject the corporation to tax under Section 4944 of the Internal Revenue Code; and 5) shall not make any taxable expenditures as defined in Section 4945(d) of the Internal Revenue Code.

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 appointment as registered agent and agree to act in this capacity.

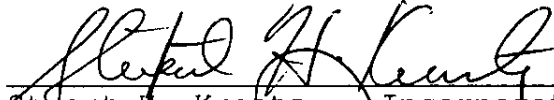
Signature/Registered Agent



Date

April 17, 2013

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, FL Statutes.


Stuart H. Krantz, Incorporator

Dated: 04/17/2013


Tony Pernas, Incorporator

Dated: 4/17/2013


Dennis Giardina, Incorporator

Dated: 04/17/2013

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