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# **Articles of Incorporation**

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In Compliance with Chapter 617, F.S., (Not for Profit)

### Article I Name

The name of the corporation shall be: Florida Biodiversity Institute, Inc.

# **Article II Principal Office**

The principal street address & mailing address is: 81224 Overseas Highway Islamorada, Fl 33036

## **Article III Purpose**

The corporation is organized exclusively for charitable, educational, and scientific purposes under section 501 (c) 3 of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code. The corporation is dedicated to performing and facilitating scientific research.

## **Article IV Manner of Election**

The manner in which the directors are elected or appointed is provided in the bylaws of the corporation.

#### Article V Initial Directors and Officers

Name/ Title: James F. Jacoby, Chair

Address: 171 17th Street, Suite 1550, Atlanta, GA 30363

Name/ Title: Leonid Moroz, VP

Address: 9505 Ocean Shore Blvd, St Augustine, FL 32136

Name/ Title: Carl J. Hampp, Secretary

Address: 171 17th Street, Suite 1550, Atlanta, GA 30363

Name/ Title: Mitch Jacoby, Board

Address: 171 17th Street, Suite 1550, Atlanta, GA 30363

#### **Article VI Limitations**

No part of the net earnings of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its members, trustees, officers, or other private persons, 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 III hereof.

No substantial part of the activities of the corporation shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the 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.

Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, this 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 Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or (b) by a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

# **Article VII Dedication of Assets**

Upon the dissolution, termination, or winding up of the corporation, assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or shall be distributed to the federal government, or to a state or local government, for a public purpose. Any such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by a Court of Competent Jurisdiction 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 exempt purposes.

# **Article VIII Initial Registered Agent and Street Address**

The name and Florida street address of the registered agent is: John November, 647 Beach Avenue, Atlantic Beach Fl. 32233

# **Article IX Incorporator**

The name and address of the Incorporator is: John November, 647 Beach Avenue, Atlantic Beach Fl. 32233

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.

12-20-13

Signature of Registered Agent

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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.

Signature of Incorporator

Date