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

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FROM: James A Huffman

2800 M.B. 56th Street

Ocala FL. 34479

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James h @ eagle roofing, com ail address: (to be used for future annual report notification)

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

#### ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

OF

# SOUTHERN SPORTSMEN WHITETAIL FOUNDATION, INC.

#### FLORIDA NON-PROFIT CORPORATION

## **ARTICLE 1**

#### Corporate Name

The name of this corporation is **SOUTHERN SPORTSMEN WHITETAIL FOUNDATION, INC.** The corporation's principal office address is 2800 N.E. 56<sup>th</sup> Street, Ocala, Florida 34479. The corporation's mailing address is 2800 N.E. 56<sup>th</sup> Street, Ocala, Florida, 34479.

#### ARTICLE II

#### **Corporate Nature**

This is a non-profit corporation, organized solely for the general charitable purposes pursuant to the Florida Corporations Not for Profit law set forth in Section 617 of the Florida Statutes, including, for such purposes, the making of distributions to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any federal tax code.

#### **ARTICLE III**

#### Duration

The term of existence of the corporation is perpetual.

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#### **ARTICLE IV**

# **Purposes**

The primary purpose for which this corporation is formed is to provide financial support to help disabled hunters with equipment, means and land in which to safely reemerge into outdoor activities. Notwithstanding any other provision of this document, the organization shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by an organization exempt from federal income tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or (b) by an organization, contributions to which are deductible under section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

# **ARTICLE V**

# **Management of Corporate Affairs**

(a) Board of Directors. The power of this corporation shall be exercised, properties controlled and its affairs conducted by a Board of Directors. The number of Directors of the corporation shall be three (3), provided however, that such number may be changed by bylaws duly adopted by the members. In no case shall the number of members of the Board of Directors be less than three (3).

The Directors named herein as the first Board of Directors shall hold office until the first meeting of members at which time an election of Directors shall be held.

The Directors elected at the first annual meeting, and at all times thereafter, shall serve for a term of three (3) years following the election of Directors and until the qualification of the successors in office. Annual meetings shall be at any such other time and place as the Board of Directors may designate from time to time by resolution.

Any action required or permitted to be taken by the Board of Directors under any provision of law may be taken without a meeting, if all members

of the board shall individually or collectively consent in writing to such action. Such written consent or consents shall be filed with the minutes of the proceedings of the board, and any such action by written consent shall have the same force and effect as if taken by unanimous vote of the Directors. Any certificate or other document filed under any provision of law which relates to action so taken shall state that the action was taken by unanimous written consent of the Board of Directors without a meeting, and that the Articles of Incorporation and the Bylaws of this corporation authorize the Directors to so act. Such a statement shall be prima facie evidence of such authority.

The names and addresses of such initial members of the Board of Directors are as follows:

Harvey T. Ashley

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2800 N.E. 56<sup>th</sup> St.

Ocala, Fl. 34479

James A Huffman

2800 N.E. 56<sup>th</sup> St.

Ocala, Fl. 34479

Robert E. Wood

2800 N.E. 56<sup>th</sup> St.

Ocala, Fl. 34479

(b) Corporate Officers. The Board of Directors shall elect the following officers: President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer, and such other officers as the bylaws of this corporation may authorize the Directors to elect from time to time. Initially, such officers shall be elected at the first annual meeting of the Board of Directors. Until such election is held, the following persons shall serve as corporate officers:

President Harvey T. Ashley

Treasurer James A. Huffman

Secretary Robert E. Wood

#### **ARTICLE VI**

# Earnings and Activities of the Corporation

- (a) 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 shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purpose set forth in Article IV hereof.
- (b) 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 any candidate for public office.
- (c) Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, this corporation shall not, except to an insubstantial degree, engage in any activities or exercise any powers that are not in furtherance of the purpose of this corporation.

#### ARTICLE VII

#### Distribution of Assets

Upon the dissolution of the organization, assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or 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 disposed of shall be disposed of by the Court of Common Pleas of the county in which the principal office of the organization 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 purposes.

#### **ARTICLE VII**

# Membership

The corporation shall have one-class of members and no more than one membership may be held by any one person. The right and privileges of all members shall be equal. Each member shall be entitled to one vote.

# **ARTICLE IX**

## Amendment of Bylaws

Subject to the limitations contained in the Bylaws, and any limitations set forth in the Corporations Not For Profit Law of the State of Florida, concerning corporate action that must be authorized or approved by the members of the corporation, Bylaws of this corporation may be made, altered, rescinded, added to or new Bylaws may be adopted either by a resolution of the Board of Directors, or by following the procedures set forth there for in the Bylaws.

#### **ARTICLE X**

#### **Dedication of Assets**

The property of this corporation is irrevocably dedicated and no part of the net income or net assets of this corporation shall ever inure to the benefit of any director, officer or member thereof, or to the benefit of any private individual.

#### **ARTICLE XI**

# Registered Agent and Office

The address of the corporation's registered office shall be 2800 N.E. 56<sup>th</sup> St., Ocala, Florida 34479 and the name of its registered agent at said address shall be James A Huffman.

# **ARTICLE XII**

#### Amendment of Articles

Amendments to these articles of Incorporation may be proposed by a resolution adopted by the Board of Directors and presented to a quorum of members for their vote.

We, the undersigned, being the initial incorporators of this corporation, for the purpose of forming this non-profit corporation under the laws of the State of Florida have executed these Articles of Incorporation on this 24th day of April, 2015.

James A Huffman

2800 N.E. 56<sup>th</sup> St.

Ocala, Florida 34479

#### STATE OF FLORIDA

#### **COUNTY OF MARION**

The foregoing instrument was acknowledge before me on the 24th day of April, 2015 by James A Huffman who presented a State of Florida Driver's License as verification,



**NOTARY PUBLIC** 

# **CERTIFICATE OF ACCEPTANCE OF REGISTERED AGENT**

Having been designated as the Registered Agent for **SOURTHERN SPORTSMEN WHITETAIL FOUNDATION, INC.**, I hereby accept the designation and agree to act as Registered Agent of said corporation.

Dated this 24th day of April, 2015

James A Huffman

**Registered Agent**