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# **COVER LETTER**

Department of State Division of Corporations P. O. Box 6327 Tallahassee, FL 32314

VIERA WILDLIFE CONSERVANCY, INC. SUBJECT:					
(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:	T. Alexandra Mott				
	Name (Printed or typed)				
	4899 Wexford Dr.				
	Address				
	Rockledge, FL 32955-6705				
	City, State & Zip				
	321-338-5030				

vierawildlifeconservancy@gmail.com

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

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

Daytime Telephone number

#### **ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION**

In compliance with Chapter 617, Florida Statutes (Not for Profit), the undersigned natural persons, a majority of whom are citizens of the United States, do hereby submit these Articles of Incorporation for the purpose of forming a Not-For-Profit Corporation.

# ARTICLE I Name

The name of the corporation shall be: Viera Wildlife Conservancy, Inc.

# ARTICLE II Principal Office

Principal street address: Principal Mailing address, if different is:

4899 Wexford Dr. P.O. Box 560034 Rockledge, FL 32955-6705 Rockledge, FL 32955-0034

United States United States

# **ARTICLE III**

Purpose

The purpose of the corporation is exclusively for charitable, educational, and scientific purposes, 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 the corresponding section of any future federal tax code and herein stated as follows:

- 1. To preserve and protect Florida's wildlife and wildlife habitat to ensure a sustainable future for Florida's wildlife and Florida's residents.
- 2. To educate the general population as to the ongoing status of Florida's wildlife and wildlife habitat and lifestyle changes Florida residents can adopt to help preserve and protect Florida's wildlife and wildlife habitat.
- 3. To educate the general population as to the local ecological and economic value of Florida's wildlife and wildlife habitat.
- 4. To advise and assist Florida's governmental entities in the ongoing management of Florida's wildlife and wildlife habitat.
- 5. To encourage and facilitate private and public financial contributions in order to carry out the corporation's purposes.

6. To do and perform all things necessary and appropriate for the forgoing purposes, and to that end, the corporation shall have all the powers and privileged as provided by law, and shall have perpetual existence.

# **ARTICLE IV**

Manner of Election

The manner in which the directors are elected and appointed: The directors will be elected, maintained, and appointed in accordance with the corporation's bylaws.

#### ARTICLE V

Initial Officers and/or Directors

T. Alexandra Mott
President
4899 Wexford Dr.
Rockledge, FL 32955-6705
United States

Kimberly Doris Wright
Vice President & Treasurer
2-B Venetian Way
Indian Harbour Beach, FL 32937
United States

Bonnie Anne McArthur Secretary 20 Porters Cove Rd. Hingham, MA 02043 United States

# **ARTICLE VI**

Registered Agent

The name and Florida street address of the registered agent of the corporation is:

T. Alexandra Mott 4899 Wexford Drive Rockledge, FL 32955-6705 United States

#### **ARTICLE VII**

Incorporator

The name and address of the Incorporator is:

T. Alexandra Mott 4899 Wexford Dr. Rockledge, Florida 32955-6705 United States

# **ARTICLE VIII**

Effective Date

Effective date shall be upon filing by the Secretary of State.

# ARTICLE IX

Indemnification

The corporation does indemnify any directors, officers, employees, and incorporators, of the corporation from any liability regarding the corporation and the affairs of the corporation, unless the person fraudulently and intentionally violated the law and/or maliciously conducted acts to damage and/or defraud the corporation, or as otherwise provided under applicable statute.

### ARTICLE X

Prohibited Activities

No part of the net earnings of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its 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 purposes set forth in Article III. 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 organization shall not carry on any activities not permitted to be carried on by an organization exempt from Federal income tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code or the corresponding provision of any future United States Federal Tax Code.

# ARTICLE XI

Dissolution

Upon the dissolution of the corporation, after paying or making provisions for the payment of all the legal liabilities 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 purposes.

### **ARTICLE XII**

Existence

The corporation shall have perpetual existence.

# ARTICLE XIII

Members

The corporation will not have members.

The bylaws for the corporation may be adopted, altered, amended, rescinded, or added to by appropriate actions of the officers/directors of the corporation, at a meeting and time in the manner provided for in said bylaws.

Any amendment to these Articles of Incorporation shall be proposed, voted on, and adopted by resolution, at a time and in the manner provided for in the bylaws; and the resolution adopted shall be transmitted to the Secretary of State, as provided for in Chapter 617, Florida Statutes (2014).

# **ARTICLE XVI**

Type of Nonprofit Corporation.

The corporation is not for profit and a Public Benefit Corporation.

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.

T. Alexandra Mott
Required Signature of Registered Agent

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.

5/5/2015

Required Signature of Incorporator