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**SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:**

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**ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION  
OF  
THE GARDEN CLUB OF WINTER HAVEN, INC.**

We, the undersigned, for the purpose of forming a non-profit corporation under the Florida Not For Profit Corporation Act, Florida Statutes Chapter 617, do hereby make and adopt the following Articles of Incorporation.

**ARTICLE I – NAME**

The name of this corporation shall be **THE GARDEN CLUB OF WINTER HAVEN, INC.**, and the principal office shall be in Winter Haven, Polk County, Florida.

**ARTICLE II – ADDRESS**

The street address of the initial principal office of the corporation is 1151 Interlochen Boulevard, Winter Haven, Florida, 33884, and the initial mailing address of the corporation is 1151 Interlochen Boulevard, Winter Haven, Florida 33884.

**ARTICLE III – TERM**

This corporation shall have perpetual existence.

**ARTICLE IV – NOT FOR PROFIT**

The corporation is not for profit under Chapter 617, Florida Statutes. The corporation is not formed for pecuniary profit. No part of the income or assets of the corporation is distributable to or for the benefit of its Directors or Officers, except to the extent permissible under these Articles, under law and under Section 501(c)(3) of the United States Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (herein the "Code"). No member of the corporation shall have any vested right, interest or privilege in or to the assets, income or property of the corporation and no part of the income or assets of the corporation shall be distributable to or for the benefit of its members, except to the extent permissible under these Articles, under law and under Section 501(c)(3) of the Code.

**ARTICLE V – PURPOSE**

The purposes for which this corporation is formed are as follows:

A. To promote an interest in gardens and the study of Florida Horticulture, to aid in the protection and conservation of natural resources and to promote and encourage civic beauty.

B. To solicit and accept gifts of money or property in order to carry out the purpose as above set forth.

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C. to engage in any lawful act or activity for which corporations not for profit may be organized under the laws of the State of Florida.

D. To do such other things as are incidental to the powers of the corporation or necessary or desirable in order to accomplish the purposes of the corporation.

#### **ARTICLE VI – INCORPORATORS**

The names and addresses of the subscribers to the Articles of Incorporation are as follows:

Linda Kitch  
5810 Crystal Beach Road  
Winter Haven, FL 33880

Cyndi Threlkeld  
1324 E. Lake Cannon Drive, N.W.  
Winter Haven, FL 33881

Amy Powell  
216 Lake Link Road  
Winter Haven, FL 33884

Lely Martinez  
606 Horseshoe Court, NE  
Winter Haven, FL 33881

Carol Speyerer  
2100 N. Lake Eloise Drive  
Winter Haven, FL 33884

Georgia Green  
750 Island Way  
Winter Haven, FL 33884

Karen Hudson  
17 Lake Eloise Lane  
Winter Haven, FL 33884

Jane West  
1125 N. Lake Howard Drive  
Winter Haven, FL 33881

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#### **ARTICLE VII – BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

There shall be an initial Board of Directors consisting of the incorporators. The Board of Directors shall make and adopt Bylaws, not in conflict with these Articles of Incorporation, which shall control the government and operation of the corporation including the election and terms of the officers and the Board of Directors and the selection, classes and eligibility of its members.

#### **ARTICLE VIII – DISSOLUTION**

Upon the dissolution of the corporation, assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the 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 so disposed of shall be disposed of by the Circuit Court 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 IX – INDEMNIFICATION

The corporation shall indemnify each director and officer, including former directors and officers, to the fullest extent allow by law, including but not limited to Florida Statutes Chapter 617. It is intended that the corporation be an organization the officers and directors of which are immune from civil liability to the extent provided under Florida Statutes Chapter 617 and other similar laws.

### ARTICLE X – REGISTERED OFFICE AND AGENT

The street address of the initial registered office of the corporation is 1151 Interlochen Boulevard, Winter Haven, FL 33884, and the name of its registered agent at that address is JENNIFER THORNTON.

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.

Jennifer Thornton  
Jennifer Thornton

2/28/16  
Date

We submit this document and affirm that the facts stated herein are true. We are 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.

Linda Kitch  
Linda Kitch

Cyndi Threlkeld  
Cyndi Threlkeld

Amy Powell  
Amy Powell

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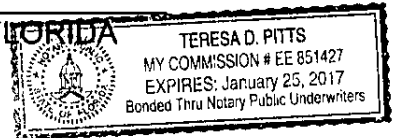
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*Teresa D. Pitts*

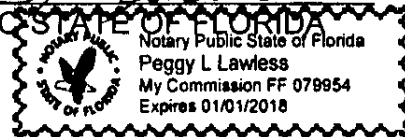
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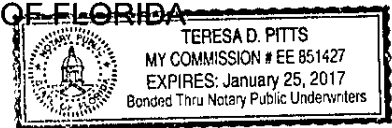


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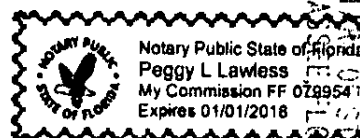
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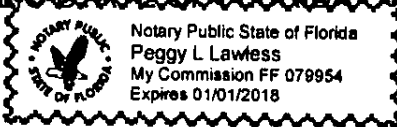
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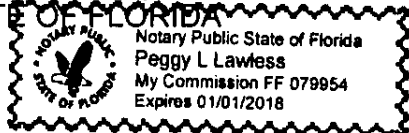
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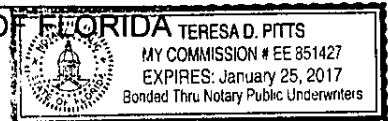
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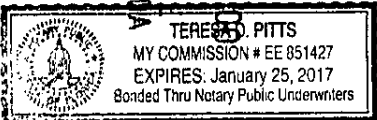
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