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# ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF INTERNATIONAL RESPONSIBLE FARMING COUNCIL, INC.

The undersigned incorporator hereby executes these Articles of Incorporation for the purpose of forming a corporation not-for-profit in accordance with the laws of the State of Florida.

#### ARTICLE I Name

The name of this corporation shall be: International Responsible Farming Council, Inc.

#### ARTICLE II Principal Office and Mailing Address

The address of the principal office and the mailing address of this corporation shall be 101 E. Kennedy Boulevard, Suite 3700, Tampa, Florida 33602; Attention: R. Reid Haney.

#### ARTICLE III Purposes

The corporation is organized for educational and scientific purposes relating to agricultural and horticultural activities, including, but not limited to, education, advocacy and facilitation of food safety, precision agriculture principles and applications, and energy and environmental conscious farming practices. This corporation is not formed for pecuniary profit or financial gain. As means for the accomplishment of the foregoing purposes, this corporation is authorized to perform any lawful act or activity for which corporations not-for-profit may be formed under the Florida Not For Profit Corporation Act (Chapter 617, Florida Statutes)(the "Florida Act"). Notwithstanding any other provision of these Articles of Incorporation to the contrary, the corporation shall not have or exercise any purpose which would cause it not to qualify as a not-for-profit corporation under the Florida Act. The activities this corporation may undertake in the furtherance of its purposes shall include, but are not limited to, the following:

- 1. To establish and maintain educational, technical and other services for the support of farmers engaged in precision agriculture and energy and environmental conscious farming practices.
- 2. To establish a certification program to provide validation and recognition for farmers employing generally accepted best practices for safe food production, precision agriculture methodologies and technologies, and energy and environmental conscious farming practices, in the production of agricultural products.
- 3. To create and increase public awareness and support of safe-food, precision agriculture and energy and environmental conscious farming practices, and to expand

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the use of precision agriculture methods and technologies, and safe-food, energy and environmental conscious farming practices, by disseminating the aims and purposes of this corporation and its activities to farmers and to the general public.

4. To do all other tasks, including the conducting of all activities necessary, suitable, convenient, useful, or expedient in connection with, or incidental to, the accomplishment of any of the purposes set forth herein to the full extent permitted by the bylaws of the corporation and the laws of the sovereign State of Florida.

#### ARTICLE IV <u>Registered Office and Registered Agent</u>

The initial registered office of this corporation shall be located at 101 E. Kennedy Boulevard, Suite 3700, Tampa, Florida 33602 and the initial registered agent of this corporation at such office shall be R. Reid Haney. This corporation shall have the right to change such registered agent and such registered office from time to time, as provided by law.

#### ARTICLE V Board of Directors

The affairs of this corporation shall be managed by a Board of Directors who shall be elected as provided in the bylaws of this corporation. The initially constituted Board of Directors shall be appointed by the Incorporator. The number of directors and the manner of filling vacancies in the Board of Directors shall be provided in the bylaws of this corporation.

#### ARTICLE VI Incorporator

The name and street address of the incorporator making these Articles of Incorporation is:

**NAME** 

ADDRESS

R. Reid Haney

101 E. Kennedy Boulevard, Suite 3700 Tampa, Florida 33602

## ARTICLE VII Bylaws

The power to adopt the bylaws of this corporation, to alter, amend, or repeal the bylaws, or to adopt new bylaws, shall be vested in the Board of Directors of this corporation.

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### ARTICLE VIII Amendment of Articles of Incorporation

This corporation reserves the right to amend, alter, change, or repeal any provisions contained in these Articles of Incorporation in the manner now or hereafter prescribed by statute, and all rights conferred upon the Board of Directors herein are subject to this reservation.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned incorporator has executed these Articles of Incorporation for the uses and purposes therein stated.

DATED this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of June , 2016.

R Reid Haney, Incorporator

#### ACCEPTANCE OF SERVICE AS REGISTERED AGENT OF INTERNATIONAL RESPONSIBLE FARMING COUNCIL, INC.

The undersigned, R. Reid Haney, having been named as registered agent to accept service of process for the above-named corporation at the registered office designated in the Articles of Incorporation, hereby agrees and consents to act in that capacity. The undersigned is familiar with and accepts the duties and obligations of such position.

DATED this \_\_2<sup>nd</sup>\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_\_, 2016.