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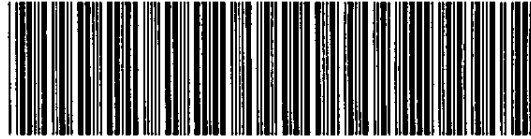
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SUBJECT: UNITED HOUNDSMEN OF FLORIDA, INC.
(PROPOSED CORPORATE NAME - MUST INCLUDE SUFFIX)

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

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FROM: WALLER & SCHARBER, P.A.

Name (Printed or typed)

38038 MERIDIAN AVE.

Address

DADE CITY, FL 33525

City, State & Zip

352-567-4690

Daytime Telephone number

floridahoundsmen@gmail.com

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

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

ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

OF

UNITED HOUNDSMEN OF FLORIDA, INC.

A FLORIDA NON-PROFIT SOCIAL WELFARE CORPORATION

WE THE UNDERSIGNED, a majority of whom are citizens of the United States, desiring to form a Non-Profit Corporation under the Non-Profit Corporations Law(s) of the State of Florida do hereby certify as follows:

ARTICLE I **NAME**

1.01 Name

The name of this corporation shall be *United Houndsmen of Florida, Inc.* Any and all business conducted on behalf of the corporation shall be conducted in the name *United Houndsmen of Florida, Inc.*

ARTICLE II **DURATION**

2.01 Duration

The period of duration of the corporation is perpetual.

ARTICLE III **PURPOSE**

3.01 Purpose

United Houndsmen of Florida, Inc. is a non-profit corporation and shall operate exclusively for social welfare purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future Federal tax code.

The purpose of the corporation is to conserve, promote and seek the expansion of the rights of the citizens of the State of Florida to engage in hunting and other outdoor activities, on public and private lands, with the use of dogs. It is the belief of the Corporation that these activities are a valued part of the heritage and history of the State of Florida; and that the promotion, protection and expansion of these rights will serve the overall social welfare and directly benefit the citizens of the State of Florida for years to come.

3.02 Social Welfare

United Houndsmen of Florida, Inc. is designated as a social welfare corporation.

ARTICLE IV **NON-PROFIT NATURE**

4.01 Non-profit Nature

United Houndsmen of Florida, Inc. is organized exclusively for social welfare purposes including, for such purposes, the lobbying for and advancement of legislation and/or

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administrative rules that protect and expand the right of the citizens of the State of Florida to hunt and conduct other outdoor activities, with dogs, on public and private lands. No part of the net earnings of *United Houndsmen of Florida, Inc.* 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 the purpose clause hereof.

Notwithstanding any other provision of this document, the corporation shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by any organization exempt from federal income tax under section 501 (c) (4) of the Internal Revenue Code, 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.

United Houndsmen of Florida, Inc. is not organized and shall not be operated for the private gain of any person. The property of the corporation is irrevocably dedicated to its educational and social welfare purposes. No part of the assets, receipts, or net earnings of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributed to any individual. The corporation may, however, pay reasonable compensation for services rendered, and make other payments and distributions consistent with these Articles.

4.02 Personal Liability

No officer or director of this corporation shall be personally liable for the debts or obligations of *United Houndsmen of Florida, Inc.* of any nature whatsoever, nor shall any of the property or assets of the officers or directors be subject to the payment of the debts or obligations of this corporation.

4.03 Dissolution

Upon termination or dissolution of *United Houndsmen of Florida, Inc.* any assets lawfully available for distribution shall be distributed to one (1) or more qualifying organizations described in Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (or described in any corresponding provision of any successor statute) which organization or organizations have a charitable purpose or social welfare agenda which, at least generally, includes a purpose similar to the terminating or dissolving corporation.

The organization to receive the assets of the corporation shall be selected by the discretion of a majority of the board of directors of *United Houndsmen of Florida, Inc.* and if its members cannot so agree, then the recipient organization shall be selected pursuant to a verified petition in equity filed in a court of proper jurisdiction against *United Houndsmen of Florida, Inc.* by one (1) or more of its board which verified petition shall contain such statements as reasonably indicate the applicability of this section. The court upon a finding that this section is applicable shall select the qualifying organization or organizations to receive the assets to be distributed,

In the event that the court shall find that this section is applicable but that there is no qualifying organization known to it which has a social welfare purpose, which, at least generally, includes a purpose similar to this corporation, then the court shall direct the distribution of its assets lawfully available for distribution to the Treasurer of the State of Florida to be added to the

general fund.

4.04 Prohibited Distributions

No part of the net earnings or properties of this corporation, on dissolution or otherwise, shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to, its members, directors, officers or other private person or individual, 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, Section 3.01.

4.05 Restricted Activities

No substantial part of the corporation's activities shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the corporation shall not participate in, or intervene (including the publishing or distribution of statements) in any political campaign on behalf of or in opposition to any candidate for public office.

4.06 Prohibited Activities

Notwithstanding any other provision of these Articles, the corporation shall not carry on any activities not permitted to be carried on (I) by a corporation exempt from federal income tax as an organization described by Section 501(c)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or (II) 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 V **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

5.01 Governance

United Houndsmen of Florida, Inc. shall be governed by its board of directors consisting of at least seven (7) members, and not exceeding thirteen (13) members.

5.02 Initial Directors

The initial directors of the corporation shall be:

Joshua Maddox	Jamie Hoyle
Jarrod Scharber	Lance Rimel
Ben Barthle	Jeff Newberry
Danny Crouch	Allie Goodin

5.03 Number of Directors

United Houndsmen of Florida, Inc. shall have a board of directors consisting of at least seven (7) and no more than thirteen (13) directors. Within these limits, the board may increase or decrease the number of directors serving on the board, including for the purpose of staggering the terms of directors.

5.04 Powers

All corporate powers shall be exercised by or under the authority of the board and the affairs of *United Houndsmen of Florida, Inc.* shall be managed under the direction of the board, except as otherwise provided by law.

5.05 Terms

- (a) All directors shall be elected to serve a two-year term, however the term may be extended until a successor has been elected.
- (b) To the extent possible, Director terms shall be staggered so that approximately half the number of directors will end their terms in any given year.
- (c) Directors may serve terms in succession.
- (d) The term of office shall be considered to begin October 1 and end September 30 of the second year in office, unless the term is extended until such time as a successor has been elected.

5.06 Qualifications and Election of Directors

In order to be eligible to serve as a director on the board of directors, the individual must be 18 years of age and nominated to serve on the board by an existing board member during the normal course of business. Directors may be elected at any board meeting by the majority vote of the existing board of directors. The election of directors to replace those who have fulfilled their term of office shall take place in *March* of each year. Further procedures and processes related to election, removal and replacement of members of the board are more specifically set forth in the corporation's Bylaws.

ARTICLE VI **MEMBERSHIP AND OFFICERS**

6.01 Membership

United Houndsmen of Florida, Inc. shall have no members. The management of the affairs of the corporation shall be vested in a Board of Directors, as defined in the corporation's Bylaws.

6.02 Officers

United Houndsmen of Florida, Inc. shall have the following slate of initial Officers, who are and shall remain subject to the specific rules governing the corporations' officers as specifically set forth in the Bylaws:

President: Joshua Maddox

596 CR 522
Sumterville, FL 33585

Vice President: Jarrod M. Scharber
38038 Meridian Ave.
Dade City, FL 33525

Secretary: Allie Goodin
114 West Guava Street, Suite 7, Bldg. 1
Lady Lake, FL 32159

Treasurer: Danny Crouch
34220 Long Circle
Webster, FL 33597

ARTICLE VII AMENDMENTS

7.01 Amendments

Any amendment to the Articles of Incorporation may be adopted by approval of two-thirds (2/3) of the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE VIII ADDRESSES OF THE CORPORATION

8.01 Corporate Address

The physical address of the corporation is:

United Houndsmen of Florida, Inc.
38038 Meridian Ave.
Dade City, FL 33525

The mailing address of the corporation is:

United Houndsmen of Florida, Inc.
38038 Meridian Ave.
Dade City, FL 33525

ARTICLE IX APPOINTMENT OF REGISTERED AGENT

9.01 Registered Agent

The registered agent of the corporation shall be:

Jarrod M. Scharber, Esquire
Waller & Scharber, P.A.
38038 Meridian Ave.
Dade City, FL 33525

ARTICLE X
INCORPORATOR

The incorporator of the corporation is:

Joshua Maddox: 596 CR 522
Sumterville, FL 33585

CERTIFICATE OF ADOPTION OF ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

We, the undersigned initial directors, do hereby certify that the above stated Articles of Incorporation of were approved by the board of directors on April 1, 2017 and constitute a complete copy of Articles of Incorporation of *United Houndsmen of Florida, Inc.*

Josh Maddox
Jarrod Scharber
Ben Benth
Danny Cranch

James Hough
Lance Brink
Allene Gordin
Jeff Newberry

**ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF CONSENT
TO APPOINTMENT AS REGISTERED AGENT**

I, Jarrod M. Scharber agree to be the registered agent for *United Houndsmen of Florida, Inc.* as appointed herein.


Jarrod M. Scharber, Registered Agent

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