

**Electronic Articles of Incorporation  
For**

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EMERALD COAST ZOO, INC

The undersigned incorporator, for the purpose of forming a Florida not-for-profit corporation, hereby adopts the following Articles of Incorporation:

**Article I**

The name of the corporation is:

EMERALD COAST ZOO, INC

**Article II**

The principal place of business address:

5262 DEER SPRINGS DR  
CRESTVIEW, FL. 32539

The mailing address of the corporation is:

5262 DEER SPRINGS DR  
CRESTVIEW, FL. 32539

**Article III**

The specific purpose for which this corporation is organized is:

ORGANIZED AND OPERATED EXCLUSIVELY FOR EDUCATIONAL  
PURPOSES IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 501(C)(3) OF THE  
INTERNAL REVENUE CODE. DEDICATED TO ANIMAL CARE AND  
TEACHING CONSERVATION.

**Article IV**

The manner in which directors are elected or appointed is:

AS PROVIDED FOR IN THE BYLAWS.

**Article V**

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

RICHARD F DE RIDDER  
5262 DEER SPRINGS DR  
CRESTVIEW, FL. 32539

I certify that I am familiar with and accept the responsibilities of  
registered agent.

Registered Agent Signature: RICHARD F DE RIDDER

## Article VI

The name and address of the incorporator is:

SARA LYN DE RIDDER  
RINGS DR

5262 DEER SP

CRESTVIEW, F

L 32529

Electronic Signature of Incorporator: SARA LYN DE RIDDER

I am the incorporator submitting these Articles of Incorporation and affirm that the facts stated herein are true. I am aware that 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. I understand the requirement to file an annual report between January 1st and May 1st in the calendar year following formation of this corporation and every year thereafter to maintain "active" status.

## Article VII

The initial officer(s) and/or director(s) of the corporation is/are:

Title: P  
RICHARD F DE RIDDER  
5262 DEER SPRINGS DR  
CRESTVIEW, FL. 32529

Title: VP  
SARA L DE RIDDER  
5262 DEER SPRINGS DR  
CRESTVIEW, FL. 32529

Title: CFO  
TRACY VANDER HEIDE  
6297 WILMINGTON DR  
NORTON SHORES, MI. 49444

## Article VIII

The effective date for this corporation shall be:

09/21/2017