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# FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF Environmental Protection

Marjory Stoneman Douglas Building 3900 Commonwealth Boulevard Tallahassee, FL 32399

June 24, 2019

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

Dear Ms. McKnight,

This letter is to certify that the attached organization is duly authorized Citizen Support Organizations under contract to provide support services for the Department of Environmental Protection, Division of Recreation and Parks in accordance with Section 258.015, F.S. and Section 617.0122, F.S. This filing is exempt from any fees when the organization is certified by the Department.

Please instate this organization as a new nonprofit organization. Attached are the bylaws and articles of incorporation

Please call Christine Small at (850) 245-2939 if additional information is needed.

Sincerely,

Eric Draper Director, Division of Recreation and Parks

Ron DeSantis Governor

Jeanette Nuñez Lt. Governor

Noah Valenstein Secretary

# Articles of Incorporation for Friends of John Pennekamp Coral Reef State Park and Dagny Johnson Key Largo Hammock Botanical State Park, Inc.

#### Article I:

The name of the corporation is Friends of John Pennekamp Coral Reef State Parkand Da Johnson Key Largo Hammock Botanical State Park, Inc.

#### Article II:

The principal address is 1115 Grand Street, Key Largo Florida 33037

#### Article III:

The specific purpose or purposes for which the corporation is organized is to act as a non-profit Corporation which will function as a Citizen Support Organization (CSO), as such organization is defined and regulated by the Florida Department of Environmental Protection or other agency which comes to substitute it, in order to generate and employ additional resources and support of and in the best interests of John Pennekamp Coral Reef State Park and Dagny Johnson Key Largo Hammock Botanical State Park. Inc. through, among other events and activities, the following: special work projects, special programs, special events, outreach programs, educational activities and communications, special exhibits, interpretive programs, fundraising activities to seek additional funds to augment the State Park's existing funding in order to maintain, enhance, and expand the park's services to the public, and other such activities as determined by the Board of Directors.

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#### Article IV:

Members of the Board shall be elected at the November meeting of the Board, or at such other time as determined by the Board. The Board will elect the directors pursuant to the provisions of Section 2 of this Article.. All members of the Board appointed under Section 2 of this article shall serve for a term of two (2) years. The terms of the Board members shall be staggered, such that the terms for approximately 50% of the Board members shall end in each year. All vacancies on the Board may be filled by a majority vote of the Board at the next regular meeting after each such vacancy occurs, or at any subsequent meeting of the Board. Upon the dissolution or other termination of the corporation, the Board of Directors shall, after paying or making provision for the payment for all liabilities of the corporation, dispose of all the assets of the corporation, exclusively for the purposes of the corporation in such manner, or to such organizations operated exclusively for charitable purposes, as shall at the time qualify as an exempt organization or organizations under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or to the Department of Environmental Protection of the State of Florida, or its successor, to be used exclusively for the purposes herein above set forth, it being intended no distribution or payment shall be made that will impair or destroy the tax-exempt status of the corporation or that will result in the denial of tax-exempt status to donations, contributions, legacies or dues received by this corporation to the extent such tax-exempt shall be allowed under any applicable law or regulation.

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## Article V:

The names, address and titles of the Directors/Officers:

- 1. Ann Helmers, Chairperson
  - a. 1115 Grand Street, Key Largo Florida 33037
- 2. Lynda Munshower, Vice Chairperson
  - a. 1115 Grand Street. Key Largo Florida 33037
- 3. Kathleen Cullen-Pegues, Secretary
  - a. 1115 Grand Street, Key Largo Florida 33037

### Article VI:

The Registered Agent is : Ann Helmers at 1115 Grand Street, Key Largo Florida 33037

Ann Helmers Signature of Registered Agent 5-22-19

Date

#### Article VII:

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. <u>817.155</u>, F.S. I acknowledge that I have read the above "Notice of Annual Report" statement and 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.

Incorporator: Kathleen Cullen-Pegues at 1115 Grand Street, Key Largo Florida 33037

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5/22/19

Signature of Incorporator

Date

Article VIII:

The Effective Date will be considered the file date. And the correspondence name and email address is :

Name: Kathleen Cullen-Pegues

Email: MissSandDollar@gmail.com

Signature: Facklein propues

Email: misssanddollar@gmail.com