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# ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF FLORIDA SURPLUS LINES SERVICE OFFICE, INC.

The undersigned, acting as incorporator of Florida Surplus Lines Service Office, Inc. under the Florida Not For Profit Corporation Act and Section 626.921 of the Florida Statutes, submits the following Articles of Incorporation:

#### ARTICLE L. NAME

The name of the corporation is:

Florida Surplus Lines Service Office, Inc.

#### ARTICLE IL ADDRESS

The street address of the initial principal office and the mailing address of the corporation are:

1441 Maclay Commerce Dr., Suite 200 Tallahassee, FL 32312

#### ARTICLE III. DURATION AND COMMENCEMENT

The corporation will exist perpetually, commencing on the date of filing of these Articles of Incorporation.

## ARTICLE IV. PURPOSE

The corporation is organized by statute to protect consumers seeking insurance in the state of Florida, permit surplus lines insurance to be placed with approved surplus lines insurers, establish a self-regulating organization which will promote and permit orderly access to surplus lines insurance in Florida, enhance the number and types of insurance products available to consumers in Florida, provide a source of advice and counsel for the benefit of consumers, surplus line agents, insurers, and government agencies concerning the operation of the surplus lines insurance market, and protect the revenues of the state of Florida. Notwithstanding any other provision of these Articles of Incorporation, the corporation shall operate at all times and in such a way that will allow the corporation to continue to qualify as an organization exempt from taxation under Section 501(c)(6) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law, and shall not carry on any activities not permitted to be carried on by any organization exempt from federal income under Section 501(c)(6) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law.

The purposes of the corporation also include the performance of activities related or incidental to the furtherance of the corporation's stated purposes and permitted under the laws of the United States and Florida.

#### ARTICLE V. LIMITATIONS ON CORPORATE POWER

No part of the net earnings of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its members, directors, 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 this Article.

#### ARTICLE VI. MEMBERS

The qualification for members and the manner of their admission will be as provided in Section 626.921 of the Florida Statutes and the bylaws of the corporation. The rights exercisable by members also will be as provided in Section 626.921 of the Florida Statutes and the bylaws of the corporation.

### ARTICLE VIL. INITIAL REGISTERED OFFICE AND AGENT

The corporation designates 1441 Maclay Commerce Dr., Suite 200, Tallahassee, FL 32312 as the street address of the initial registered office of the corporation and names Gary D. Pullen the corporation's initial registered agent at that address to accept service of process within this state.

# ARTICLE VIII. BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The corporation's board of directors will be known as the Board of Governors. Members of the Board of Governors shall consist of individuals appointed in accordance with Section 626.921 of the Florida Statutes and the Plan of Operation referenced therein.

# ARTICLE IX. INCORPORATOR

The name and street address of the incorporator are:

Name

Address

Gary D. Pullen

1441 Maclay Commerce Dr. Suite 200
Tallahassee, FL 32312

#### ARTICLE X. DISSOLUTION

In the event of the dissolution of the Corporation, the residual assets of the Corporation shall be distributed the Florida Office of Insurance Regulation of the Financial Services Commission or to another organization established for the same or similar purpose as the Florida Office of Insurance Regulation of the Financial Services Commission may direct that itself is exempt from federal income taxation as an organization described within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) or Section 501(c)(6) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, or the corresponding provisions of any future United States Internal Revenue Law. Any such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by the Circuit Court for 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. No part of the assets or net earnings of the corporation may be distributed or inure to the benefit of any individual.

The undersigned incorporator, for the purpose of forming a corporation notfor-profit under the laws of the State of Florida, has executed these Articles of Incorporation as of <u>November 2</u>, 2020.

> Gary D. Pullen Incorporator

#### ACCEPTANCE OF REGISTERED AGENT

I agree to act as registered agent for the corporation named above, to accept service of process at the place designated in these Articles of Incorporation, and to comply with the provisions of the Florida Not For Profit Corporation Act, and acknowledge that I am familiar with, and accept, the obligations of such position.

Gary D. Pullen Registered Agent

Dated: November 2 , 2020

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