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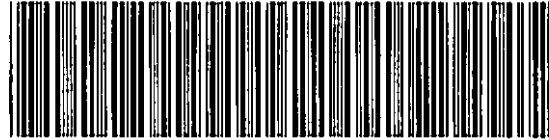
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## COVER LETTER

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

**SUBJECT:** Galapagos Tortoise Alliance, 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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☒ \$78.75  
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& Certified Copy

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**ADDITIONAL COPY REQUIRED**

FROM: William Porter  
Name (Printed or typed)  
LCSS - Medical Department , 2501 Ortiz  
Address  
Fort Myers, Florida 33905  
City, State & Zip  
239 233 5941, 239 258 3621  
Daytime Telephone number

wrporter1948@gmail.com

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

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

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**ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION**  
In compliance with Chapter 617, F.S., (Not for Profit)

**ARTICLE I NAME**

The name of the corporation shall be: Galapagos Tortoise Alliance, Inc.

**ARTICLE II PRINCIPAL OFFICE**

Principal **street** address:

Galapagos Tortoise Alliance  
c/o William Porter  
LCSO – Medical  
2501 Ortiz  
Fort Myers, FL 33905

**ARTICLE III PURPOSE**

The purpose for which the corporation is organized is:

Promotion of the preservation, conservation, welfare, study, and dissemination of knowledge pertaining to Chelonians. The purpose of this organization is to foster the preservation, conservation, and welfare of Chelonians in captivity and in their natural habitat, including but not limited to, the development and dissemination of educational materials to the general public through websites, publications, lectures, and workshops with special emphasis on giant tortoises of the *Chelonoidis nigra* complex (Galapagos giant tortoises) and *Aldabrachelys gigantea* (Aldabra giant tortoises) in captivity.

**ARTICLE IV MANNER OF ELECTION**

The manner in which the directors are elected and appointed:

Directors are elected and appointed in accordance with the bylaws.

### **ARTICLE V INITIAL OFFICERS AND/OR DIRECTORS**

Name and Title: Adams, Colette - Director	Name and Title: Roach, Thomas - Director
Address: Gladys Porter Zoo	Address: 27943 Seco Canyon Rd
500 Ringold Street	#144
Brownsville, TX 78520	Santa Clarita, CA 91350
Name and Title: Espenshade, Will - Director	Name and Title: Wigert, Erik - Director
Address: 3810 Sierra Morena Ave.	Address: 2930 South Rd
Carlsbad, CA 92010-2819	North Fort Myers, FL
	33917
Name and Title: Louis, Edward - Director	Name and Title: Wilson, Mark - Director
Address: Conservation Genetics Dept	Address: 11878 Stoney Oaks
Omaha's Henry Doorly Zoo	Rancho Cordova, CA
3701 S. 10 <sup>th</sup> St	95742
Omaha, NE 68107	
Name and Title: Flanagan, Joe - Director	Name and Title: Workman, Marion -
Address: Houston Zoo	Director
1513 Cambridge Street	Address: 3354 Antica
Houston, TX 77030	Fort Myers, FL 33905
Name and Title: Porter, William - Director	
Address: LCSO – Medical	
2501 Ortiz	
Fort Myers, FL 33905	

### **ARTICLE VI REGISTERED AGENT**

The **name and Florida street address** (P.O. Box NOT acceptable) of the registered agent is:

Name: William Porter  
Address: LCSO – Medical  
2501 Ortiz  
Fort Myers, FL 33905

### **ARTICLE VII INCORPORATOR**

The **name and address** of the Incorporator is:

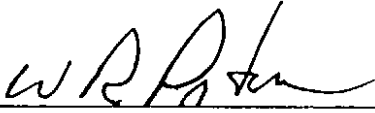
Name: William Porter  
Address: LCSO – Medical  
2501 Ortiz  
Fort Myers, FL 33905

### **ARTICLE VIII PROHIBITION OF DIVIDENDS**

No part of the net earnings of the corporation 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 Article Third hereof. No substantial part of the activities of the corporation shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the corporation shall not participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of or in opposition to any candidate for public office. Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, the corporation shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by a corporation exempt from federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or (b) 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.

Upon the dissolution of the corporation, assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or shall be distributed to the federal government, or to a state or local government, for a public purpose. Any such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by a Court of Competent Jurisdiction of 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.

*Having been named as registered agent to accept service of process for the above stated corporation at the place designated in this certificate, I am familiar with and accept the appointment as registered agent and agree to act in this capacity*

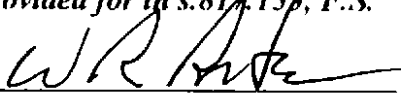


Required Signature of Registered Agent

1/27/2021

Date

*I submit this document and affirm that the facts stated herein are true. I am aware that any 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.*



Required Signature of Incorporator

1/27/2021

Date