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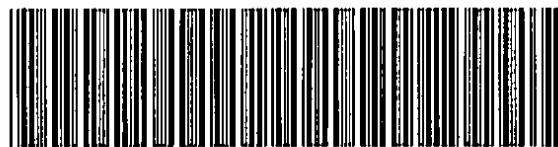
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SUBJECT: GROVELAND EXPLORER PROGRAM, INC.
(PROPOSED CORPORATE NAME - MUST INCLUDE SUFFIX)

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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☐ \$87.50
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FROM: ALICIA MENENDEZ
Name (Printed or typed)

6825 STATE ROAD 50
Address

GROVELAND, FLORIDA 34736
City, State & Zip

352-557-1216
Daytime Telephone number

ALICIA.MENENDEZ@GROVELAND-FL.GOV

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
GROVELAND EXPLORER PROGRAM, INC.
(A NOT-FOR-PROFIT CORPORATION)

ARTICLE I

The name of the corporation (the "Corporation") is GROVELAND EXPLORER PROGRAM, INC. (G.E.P.)

ARTICLE II – PRINCIPLE OFFICE

The address of the principle office of the Corporation is:

6825 State Road 50, Groveland, FL 34736

The mailing address of the Corporation is the same as the principle office.

ARTICLE III - PURPOSES

The Corporation is organized exclusively for charitable, educational and literary purposes within the meaning of section 501c3 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law (the "Code") and is not formed for pecuniary profit or financial gain. The Corporation exists to educate youth for future law enforcement careers, empowers them to be role models in the community and provides opportunities to contribute to the benefit of their communities. The Corporation is authorized to perform any lawful act or activity for which corporations not-for-profit may be formed under the Florida Not For Profit Corporation Act. Notwithstanding, any other provisions of these Articles to the contrary, the Corporation shall not have or exercise any power which would cause it not to qualify as a tax-exempt organization under section 501c3 of the Code; nor shall the Corporation engage directly or indirectly in any activity which would cause the loss of such qualifications.

ARTICLES IV

The initial members of the Corporation shall consist of the individuals constituting the Board of Directors hereinafter provided, and their successors in office. The qualification for membership in the Corporation is outlined in the ByLaws and may be modified as provided in the ByLaws.

ARTICLES V - BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The number of Directors constituting the Board of Directors of the Corporation shall be as provided in the ByLaws. However, the number of Directors shall not be less than three (3). The manner in which the Directors are to be elected or appointed shall be as stated in the Bylaws of

the Corporation. The names and addresses of the persons, who are to serve as initial Directors until their successors are elected, are:

- **Alicia Menendez, President**
6825 State Road 50
Groveland, FL 34736
- **Ronald Curtis, Vice President**
6825 State Road 50
Groveland, FL 34736
- **Lisa Riffle, Treasurer**
6825 State Road 50
Groveland, FL 34736

ARTICLE VI - OFFICERS

The officers and their manner of election shall be as provided in the Bylaws. The initial persons who are to serve as officers of the Corporation until the first meeting of the Board of Directors or until their successors are elected are:

- **Alicia Menendez, President**
6825 State Road 50
Groveland, FL 34736
- **Ronald Curtis, Vice President**
6825 State Road 50
Groveland, FL 34736
- **Lisa Riffle, Treasurer**
6825 State Road 50
Groveland, FL 34736

ARTICLE VII

Title to all property of the Corporation shall be held in the name of the Corporation or as otherwise may be provided pursuant to the authority of the Bylaws of the Corporation. Any gift, bequest, devise or donation of any kind whatsoever to the Corporation or its Board of Directors shall be deemed to vest title in the Corporation.

ARTICLE VIII

The name and address of the Corporation's registered agent is:

Alicia Menendez
6825 State Road 50
Groveland, FL 34736

ARTICLE IX

These Articles may be amended as provided in the Bylaws.

ARTICLE X

Upon the liquidation or dissolution of the Corporation, its assets, if any, remaining after payment (or provision for payment) of all liabilities of the Corporation, shall be distributed to one or more organizations qualified as exempt under section 501c3 of the Code.

ARTICLE XI

The name and address of the Incorporator is:

Alicia Menendez
6825 State Road 50
Groveland, FL 34736

ARTICLE XII

Notwithstanding, any other provision of these Articles to the contrary, no part of the net earnings, current or accumulated, or property of the Corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributed to, any member (other than a member which is exempt from federal income tax under section 501c3 of the Code), director, officer, or other private persons, except that the Corporation shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services actually

rendered and to make payment and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth in these Articles.

Notwithstanding any other provision of these Articles to the contrary, no substantial part of the activities of the Corporation shall be carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation.

Notwithstanding any other provision of these Articles to the contrary, the Corporation shall not participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office.

Notwithstanding any other provision of these Articles to the contrary, 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 Code, or (b) by a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under sections 170(c)(2), 2055 (a)(2), and 2522 (a)(2) of the Code.

ARTICLE XIII

The Corporation shall indemnify any officer, director or employee, or any former officer, director of former employee, to the fullest extent permitted by law.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned incorporator has hereunto set his hand and seal this 23 day of June, 2021, for the purpose of forming this Corporation not-for-profit under the Florida Not For Profit Corporation Act.

Sgt. A. Menendez #930
Alicia Menendez, Incorporator

**CERTIFICATE OF DESIGNATION OF
REGISTERED AGENT/REGISTERED OFFICE**

PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 617.0501, FLORIDA STATUTES, THE UNDERSIGNED CORPORATION, ORGANIZED UNDER THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA, SUBMITS THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT IN DESIGNATING THE REGISTERED OFFICE/REGISTERED AGENT, IN THE STATE OF FLORIDA.

1. The name of the corporation is: GROVELAND EXPLORER PROGRAM, INC.
2. The name and address of the registered agent and office is:

Alicia Menendez
6825 State Road 50
Groveland, FL 34736

Having been named as registered agent and to accept service of process for the above-stated corporation at the place designated in this certificate, I hereby accept the appointment as registered agent and agree to act in this capacity. I further agree to comply with the provisions of all statutes relating to the proper and complete performance of my duties, and I am familiar with and accept the obligations of my position as registered agent.

Sgt. A. Menendez #930
Alicia Menendez, Registered Agent

Dated: 06/23/2021