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ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

The undersigned, acting as incorporator of a not-for-profit Corporation pursuant to Chapter 617, Florida Statutes, adopts the following Articles of Incorporation for such corporation:

ARTICLE I

The name of the corporation is FRIENDS OF RISH PARK, INC. and the initial principal address is 26750 U.S. Highway 19 N., Suite 410, Clearwater, FL, 33761. The mailing address is the same.

Article II

The purpose for which the corporation is organized is the protection, preservation, and improvement of the William J. "Billy Joe" Rish Recreation Area, also known as Rish Park.

ARTICLE III

The street address and city of the initial registered office of the corporation is 26750 U.S. Highway 19 N., Suite 410, Clearwater, FL, 33761 and the name of its initial registered agent at such address is Richard La Belle.

ARTICLE IV

The number of the Directors constituting the initial Board of Directors of the corporation is four (4) and the names and addresses of the persons who are to serve as the initial directors are:

NAME AND TITLE

ADDRESS

Dr. J.R. Harding, Director

6027 Ox Bottom Manor Dr.
Tallahassee, FL 32312

Gordon Palmer, Esq., Director

411 Stone House Rd
Tallahassee, FL 32301

Angela Morrison, Esq., Director

9144 Ravena Road
Tallahassee, FL 32309

Dr. Max Lee, Director

2920 NW 29th Street
Gainesville, FL 32605

ARTICLE V

The manner in which the Directors are elected or appointed is as provided in the Bylaws of the corporation.

ARTICLE VI

This corporation is organized exclusively for charitable, religious, educational, and scientific purposes, including, for such purposes, the making of distributions to organizations which qualify as exempt organizations under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

No part of the net earnings of this 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 II 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.

ARTICLE VII

The name and address of the incorporator is Richard La Belle, 26750 U.S. Highway 19 N., Suite 410, Clearwater, FL, 33761.

ARTICLE VIII

Upon the dissolution or other termination of the corporation, the Board of Directors shall, after paying or making provision for 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, 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.

Dated the 31 day of May 2022.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned, being the incorporator of this corporation, has executed these Articles of Incorporation.

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 sec. 817.155, Florida Statutes.

Signature(s) of Incorporator(s)

Richard La Belle

ACCEPTANCE BY REGISTERED AGENT

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

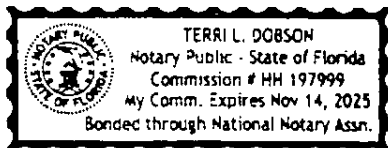
Registered Agent

Richard La Belle

STATE OF FLORIDA
COUNTY OF PINELLAS

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me by means of ☒ physical presence or ☐ online notarization this 31 day of May, 2022, by Richard La Belle.

(Seal)



Terri L. Dobson
Notary Public

Terri L. Dobson
Print Name

Personally Known ☒ OR Produced Identification _____

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