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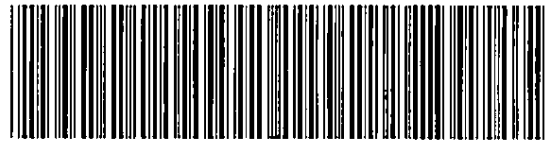
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**ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION**  
In compliance with Chapter 617.FS., (Not for Profit)

**ARTICLE I NAME**

The name of the corporation will be: FFGC District IV, Inc.

**ARTICLE II PRINCIPAL OFFICE**

**Principal street address:**

**Mailing address, if different is:**

2001 Water Crest Drive

Fleming Island, FL 32003-7224

**ARTICLE III PURPOSE**

The general nature and object of this non-profit corporation shall be: To organize themselves into a non-profit association for the purpose of engaging in activities which are charitable, educational and scientific purposes, including, for such purposes, the making of distribution to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future tax code.

Specifically, the purposes of the association are as follows:

- (a) To further the education for the members and the public in the fields of gardening, horticulture, botany, floral design, landscape design, environmental awareness through the conservation of natural resources, civic beautification, nature studies, and to instill in our youth the love of gardening and the respect for and protection of the environment.
- (b) To encourage the erection of memorials to veterans of the United States armed forces.
- (c) To co-ordinate the interests of the several Garden Clubs within District IV of the Florida Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc. (FFGC) to the extent that such co-ordination represents a furtherance of the activities specified in (a) and (b) above provided always that such purposes shall be effectuated by activities which are within the scope of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future tax code.
- (d) To do and perform all other acts and things necessary to carry out the purposes of this Corporation as a Corporation not for profit in accordance with the law in such cases made and provided.

**ARTICLE IV MANNER OF ELECTION**

The manner in which the directors are elected and appointed:

As stated by the Florida Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc. (FFGC) Bylaws

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

Name and Title: Runyon, Smaro G.  
Director  
Address: 2001 Water Crest Drive  
Fleming Island, FL 32003-7224

Name and Title: Caren, Patricia R.  
Recording Secretary  
Address: 14663 S.W. 155<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
Brooker, FL 32622-2864

Name and Title: Davies, Steven T.  
Assistant Director  
Address: 3300 Turtle Creek Road  
St. Augustine, FL 32086

Name and Title: Long, Sadako  
Treasurer  
Address: 2445 Country Club Blvd.  
Orange Park, FL 32073

Name and Title: Balliene, Kalie C.  
Corresponding Secretary  
Address: 136 Buchanan Circle  
Satsuma, FL 32189-2801

Name and Title: Gladding, Connie A.  
Advisor  
Address: 490 Myrtle Avenue  
Green Cove Springs, FL 32043

Name and Title: Waters, Carol A.  
Parliamentarian  
Address: 2230 Lake Shore Blvd.  
Jacksonville, FL 32210-4024

**ARTICLE VI INUREMENT**

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 first paragraph hereof. No substantial part of the activities of the corporation shall be 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 DISSOLUTION**

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

organization or organizations, as said Court shall determine, which are organized and operate exclusively for such purpose.

**ARTICLE VIII REGISTERED AGENT**

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

Name: Smaro G. Runyon  
Address: 2001 Water Crest Drive  
Fleming Island, FL 32003-7224

**ARTICLE IX INCORPORATOR**

The name and Florida street address of the Incorporator is:

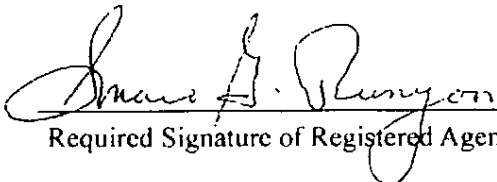
Name: Sadako Long  
Address: 2445 Country Club Blvd.  
Orange Park, FL 32073

**ARTICLE X EFFECTIVE DATE:**

Effective date, if other than the date of filing; \_\_\_\_\_ (OPTIONAL)  
(If an effective date is listed, the date must be specific and cannot be more than five days prior or 90 days after the filing.)

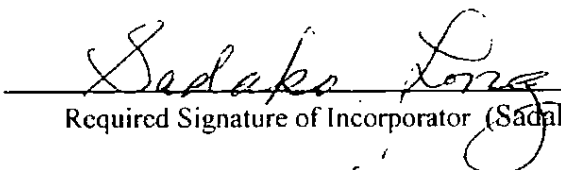
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*Having been named as registered agent to accept service of process for the above stated corporation at the place designated in this certificate, I am familiar with and accept the appointment as registered agent and agree to act in this capacity*

  
Required Signature of Registered Agent (Smaro G. Runyon)

4/26/24  
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 (Sadako Long)

4/26/2024  
Date