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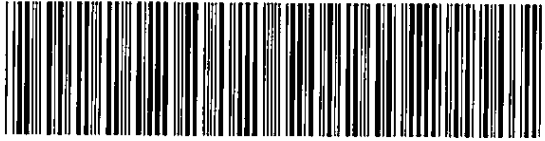
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## **ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION**

Beekeepers of Volusia County Inc.

The undersigned incorporators hereby form a not for profit corporation in compliance with Chapter 617, Florida Statutes:

### **ARTICLE I – NAME**

The name of the corporation will be Beekeepers of Volusia County Inc.

### **ARTICLE II – PRINCIPAL OFFICE**

The principal street address and mailing address of the corporation will be 125 Basin Street, Suite 206, Daytona Beach, Florida 32114.

### **ARTICLE III – PURPOSE**

The Beekeepers of Volusia County Inc. is organized exclusively for charitable, educational, and scientific purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code", which each reference to a section of the Code to include the corresponding provisions of any future federal internal revenue laws), including, for such purposes, the making of distributions to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code. By way of example, and not limitation, Beekeepers of Volusia County Inc.'s purposes include to:

- a) provide, encourage and support the bee preservation efforts and beekeeping in Volusia County and the surrounding area and offer educational, social and multi-media materials, activities and events, including philanthropic opportunities supporting various means of beekeeping for the purpose of preserving and protecting bees and beekeeping; and
- b) carry on such related activities that are permitted for corporations not for profit under the laws of the State of Florida and which are exempt from Federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the United States Internal Revenue Code of 1986 or the corresponding provisions of any future United States law.

### **ARTICLE IV – MANNER OF APPOINTMENT**

The initial officers of Beekeepers of Volusia County Inc. will be appointed as follows:

Initial officers as set forth in Article V hereof, are appointed. Additional officers may be appointed by a majority vote of the Active Members, as set forth in the Bylaws of Beekeepers of Volusia County Inc. ("Bylaws"). All other matters pertaining to officers, including number, qualifications, terms, groups, eligibility, and elections shall be prescribed by the Bylaws.

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The Board of Officers will adopt the initial Bylaws. Active Members, as defined in the Bylaws, will have the power to alter, amend or repeal the same or adopt new Bylaws.

The management of the business and the conduct of the affairs of the corporation are vested in its Board of Officers, except for election of the officers and the power to alter, amend or repeal the same or adopt new Bylaws. Except as otherwise provided in these Articles of Incorporation, each officer of Beekeepers of Volusia County Inc. is entitled to one vote per officer on all matters voted or acted upon by the Board of Officers.

#### **ARTICLE V – INITIAL OFFICERS**

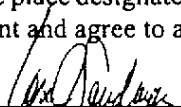
The initial officers are:

NAME AND POSITION:	ADDRESS:
George Louis Rahaim Jr. Ph.D. President	615 Art Center Avenue New Smyrna Beach, Florida 32168
Miranda Tressler Vice President	421 Trotting Trail Osteen, Florida 32764
Seth Henderson Treasurer	44626 Lake Tracy Drive Deland, Florida 32720
Elisabeth LaTorre Secretary	3847 Sunset Cove Port Orange, Florida 32129

#### **ARTICLE VI – REGISTERED OFFICE AND AGENT**

The name of the initial registered agent is Sandman Law Office, PLLC The initial registered office of Beekeepers of Volusia County Inc. is located at 125 Basin Street, Suite 206, Daytona Beach, Florida 32114.

Having been named as registered agent to accept services 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.

  
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Lori Sandman, Esquire, for Sandman Law Office, PLLC

#### **ARTICLE VII – EFFECTIVE DATE**

The effective date of Beekeepers of Volusia County Inc. is June 1, 2024.

#### **ARTICLE VIII – POWERS AND RESTRICTIONS**

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Beekeepers of Volusia County Inc. is organized as a corporation not for profit and will not issue shares of stock, will not pay dividends, and no part of the assets or net earnings of Beekeepers of Volusia County Inc. will inure to the private benefit of any officer, or other individual. Notwithstanding the foregoing, Beekeepers of Volusia County Inc. may pay compensation in a reasonable amount to its agents or employees for services rendered.

Beekeepers of Volusia County Inc. will not make any distribution upon dissolution or final liquidation except as provided herein. Beekeepers of Volusia County Inc. is organized and will be operated as an organization described in Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, or the corresponding provision of any future United States internal revenue law (the "Code"), and it may engage only in activities that may be carried on by a corporation exempt from federal income taxation.

No substantial part of the activities of Beekeepers of Volusia County Inc. will be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the corporation will 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, Beekeepers of Volusia County Inc. will not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (i) 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 (ii) 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 IX – MEMBERS**

The membership of Beekeepers of Volusia County Inc. will consist of any individual, corporation or other legal entity who subscribes to the general nature and purposes of the corporation.

#### **ARTICLE X – DISSOLUTION**

In the event of dissolution of Beekeepers of Volusia County Inc., assets will 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 will be distributed to the federal government, or to a state or local government, for a public purpose. Any such assets not so disposed of will be disposed of by a court of competent jurisdiction of the city or county in which the principal office of the corporation is then located, exclusively for such purposes or to such organization or organizations, as the court will determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.

#### **ARTICLE XI – LIMIT ON LIABILITY AND INDEMNIFICATION**

The Beekeepers of Volusia County Inc. will indemnify and hold harmless each of its Officers, employees, and agents (and his or her executor, personal representative, and heirs), whether or not then in office, who were or are a party or are threatened, pending or completed action, suit or proceeding, whether civil, criminal administrative or investigative (including an action or suit by or in the right of Beekeepers of Volusia County Inc.) by reason of the fact that the person is or was an Officer, employee or agent of Beekeepers of Volusia County Inc., against expenses (including all attorneys' fees), judgments, fines and amounts paid in settlement incurred by the person in connection with such action, suit or proceeding, unless there is a final adjudication by a court of competent jurisdiction that such person is liable for willful misconduct or a knowing violation of criminal law. All attorneys' fees and costs will be reimbursed immediately by Beekeepers of Volusia County Inc. as they are incurred by such person, and promptly will be repaid to Beekeepers of Volusia County Inc. only upon a final adjudication by a court of competent jurisdiction that such person is liable for willful misconduct or a knowing violation of criminal law. The right to indemnification is set forth in this Articles is in addition to and not exclusive of, all other rights to which such Officer, employee or agent may be entitled, including but not limited to any rights under policies of insurance that may be purchased and maintained by Beekeepers of Volusia County Inc.

#### ARTICLE XII - AMENDMENTS

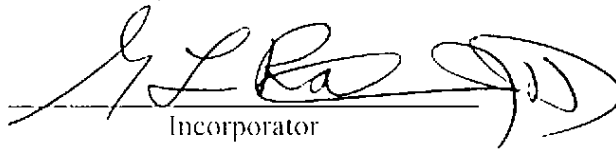
These Articles of Incorporation may be amended under the provisions of the Florida Statutes, except that no amendment may authorize Beekeepers of Volusia County Inc. to conduct the affairs of the corporation in any manner or for any purpose contrary to the provisions of the Code section 501(c)(3).

#### ARTICLE XIII- INCORPORATOR

The name and address of the Incorporator is as follows:

George Louis Rahaim Jr. Ph.D.  
615 Art Center Avenue  
New Smyrna Beach, Florida 32168

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 Section 817.155, Florida Statutes.

  
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Incorporator  
George Louis Rahaim Jr. Ph.D.



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Dear Sir or Madam:

Enclosed are proposed Articles of Incorporation and check number 2026 for \$87.50 made payable to the Florida Division of Corporations. Please file the Articles of Incorporation and return the filed document to this Firm in the enclosed envelope. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

s/Lori Sandman/

Lori Sandman, Esquire

Enclosures

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