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**ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION
OF
Little Spring Botanical Gardens, Inc.
a Florida not-for-profit corporation**

In order to form a corporation not for profit under and in accordance with the provisions of Chapters 617, Florida Statutes, the undersigned hereby incorporates this corporation not for profit for the purposes and with the powers hereinafter set forth and, to that end, by this Articles of Incorporation, certifies as follows:

ARTICLE 1

Name

The name of this Corporation shall be: Little Spring Botanical Gardens, Inc.

ARTICLE 2

Duration

The duration of this Corporation is perpetual.

ARTICLE 3

Purpose

The purposes of the Corporation shall be exclusively charitable in nature, to-wit: to engage exclusively in activities for charitable or educational purposes, within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (or the corresponding provisions of any future federal tax code), and within these restrictions, to engage in activities including but not limited to the following:

(1) To receive contributions and use them for charitable or educational purposes including but not limited to maintaining and providing access to and educational information about botanical gardens. 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

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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, 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 of 1986 (or the corresponding provisions 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 of 1986 (or the corresponding provisions of any future federal tax code).

(2) To distribute its income for each tax year at such time and in such manner as not to become subject to the tax on undistributed income as defined in Section 4942 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (or the corresponding provisions of any future federal tax code).

(3) The Corporation shall not engage in any act of self-dealing as defined in Section 4942(d) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (or the corresponding provisions of any future federal tax code).

a. No part of the net earnings of the Corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to, its trustees, officers or other private persons except that the Corporation shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered.

b. The Corporation will not retain any excess business holdings as defined in Section 4943(c) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (or the corresponding provisions of any future federal tax code).

c. The Corporation will not make any investments in such manner as to subject it to tax under Section 4944 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (or the corresponding provisions of any future federal tax code).

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- d. The Corporation will not make any taxable expenditures as defined in Section 4945(d) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (or the corresponding provisions of any future federal tax code).
- e. Upon the dissolution of the Corporation the Board of Directors shall, after paying or making provisions for the payment of all of the liabilities of the Corporation, dispose of all of the assets of the Corporation exclusively for the purposes of the Corporation in such manner, or to such organization or organizations organized and operated exclusively for charitable or educational purposes as shall at the time qualify as an exempt organization or organizations under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (or the corresponding provisions of any future federal tax code), as the Board of Directors shall determine.

ARTICLE 4

Principal Office and Registered Agent

The street and mailing address of the principal office of the Corporation is 1185 Private Road, Deland, Florida 32720.

The name and address of the registered agent of the Corporation is Palmetto Charter Services, Inc., One Daytona Blvd., Suite 600, Daytona Beach, Florida 32114.

ARTICLE 5

Membership

The Corporation shall have non-voting members.

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ARTICLE 6

Board of Directors

The number of Directors constituting the Board of Directors is three (3) until revised pursuant to the Bylaws, and the name and address of each person who is to serve as a member thereof are as follows:

Wayne Petrovich
Jacquie Petrovich
Mia Smith
Pam Riesen
Houston Mitchell
Mark Watts
Doug Townsend

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The number of Directors may be changed from time to time by the Bylaws but shall never be less than three (3) without an amendment to these Articles. Election or appointment of the Directors shall be as prescribed in the Bylaws.

ARTICLE 7

Initial Officers

The names of the officers who are to serve until the first election of officers by the Board are as follows:

President:	Wayne Petrovich
Vice President:	Jacquie Petrovich
Secretary:	Mia Smith
Treasurer:	Pam Riesen

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ARTICLE 8

Incorporator

The name and address of the Incorporator of this corporation is Wayne Petrovich, 1185 Private Road, Deland, Florida 32720.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned Incorporator does hereby execute and acknowledge these Articles of Incorporation, this _____ day of September, 2025. 9/24/2025

Signed by: Wayne Petrovich
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Wayne Petrovich, Incorporator

CERTIFICATE DESIGNATING REGISTERED AGENT AND STREET ADDRESS FOR SERVICE OF PROCESS

Pursuant to Section 617.0501, Florida Statutes, Little Spring Botanical Gardens, Inc., hereby designates Palmetto Charter Services, Inc., a Florida corporation, as its registered agent and the street address of its registered office, respectively, for service of process within the State of Florida.

Signed by: Wayne Petrovich
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Wayne Petrovich, Incorporator

ACCEPTANCE OF DESIGNATION

I hereby accept the foregoing designation as registered agent of Little Spring Botanical Gardens, Inc., for service of process within the State of Florida.

Palmetto Charters Services, Inc., a Florida corporation

DocuSigned by: John Ferguson
By: E1F7FAD43AFB4CF ..
Name: John P. Ferguson
Its: Secretary

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