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ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION THE FLORIDA STATE FLORIST FOUNDATION, INC 95 JAN 17 PH 4: 26

SEURE IARY OF STATE We whose names are signed hereto, do hereby associate ourselves together for his paragraphs of ordinal forming a body corporate, not for profit, under the laws of the State of Florida, and under the following proposed charter:

ARTICLE I

The name of this corporation shall be THE FLORIDA STATE FLORIST FOUNDATION, INC. and its principal place of business and mailing address shall be located at 329 Park Ave. South, Winter Park, Florida 32789.

ARTICLE II PURPOSE

The purposes for which this Foundation is formed are:

- 1. To operate exclusively for charitable purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Internal Revenue Code") or the corresponding provisions of any future United States Internal Revenue Law, and more specifically to foster interest in the floral industry, to address catastrophic illness, education, scientific endeavors and other objectives common to the floral industry.
- 2. To enter into, make, and perform contracts and agreements; to purchase or otherwise acquire, hold, lease, encumber, sell, assign, transfer, mortgage, pledge, exchange or otherwise dispose of any real, personal, or tangible personal property in the same manner and to the same extent as a natural person might do.
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- 4. To receive bequests and devises by will absolutely or in trust to the same extent as a natural person.
- 5. To carry on or engage in any activity of any nature whatsoever source obtained, either the principal or income therefrom, either immediately or in the future, for the furtherance of the Foundation's purpose.

- 6. To use assets and earnings of the Foundation exclusively for the purposes hereinabove set out, including the payment of expenses incident hereto, and to use no part of the net earnings to the benefit of any private member or individual. No substantial part of its activities shall be for the caring on of propaganda or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the Foundation shall not participate in or intervene in (including the publishing or distributing of statements) any political campaign on behalf of the candidate for public office.
- 7. No dividends shall be paid and no part of the net earnings of the Foundation shall inure to the benefit of any private individual within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.
- If, at any time, the Foundation is or becomes a "private foundation" within the meaning of Section 509(a) of the Internal Revenue Code and Section 617.0835 of the Florida Statutes, the following additional limitations on the Foundation's activities shall apply:
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- 8. Notwithstanding any other provision of these Articles, the Foundation shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on by (a) a corporation exempt from Federal Income Tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Code or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law, or (b) a corporation contributions to which are deductible under Section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code or any other corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law.

ARTICLE III MEMBERSHIP

Membership in this organization shall be open to all those persons, firms, organizations, or corporations interested in the purposes and objectives of the Foundation and who are members in good standing of Florida State Florist Association.

Any member of the Board of Directors may propose membership for any prospective member who expresses an interest in the purposes and objectives of the Foundation and the advancement of the Floral Industry.

The affirmative vote of a majority of the quorum present at any regular or special meeting of the Board of Directors shall be sufficient to admit such member.

The members shall not have voting rights.

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The street office of the Foundation's initial registered office shall be 200 Laura Street, Jacksonville, Florida 32201, and the name of the initial registered agent of the Foundation at such office shall be F & L Corp.

ARTICLE VII INCORPORATOR

The name and address of the sole incorporator of the Foundation is Richard A. Heinle, Foley & Lardner, 111 North Orange Avenue, Suite 1800, Orlando, Florida 32802.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has executed these Articles of Incorporation this 16th day of January, 1995.

Richard A. Heinle, Incorporator

STATE OF FLORIDA COUNTY OF ORANGE

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ACCEPTANCE OF APPOINTMENT BY INITIAL REGISTERED AGENT

The undersigned, having been named in Article VI of the foregoing Articles of Incorporation as initial Registered Agent at the office designated therein, hereby accepts such appointment and agrees to act in such capacity. F & L Corp. hereby states that it is familiar with, and hereby accepts, the obligations of registered agents set forth in the Florida Statutes, and that it will further comply with any other provisions of law made applicable to it as Registered Agent of the Corporation.

Dated this 16th day of January, 1995.

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RESTATED ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF THE FLORIDA STATE FLORIST FOUNDATION, INC.

The undersigned, hereby restates the Articles of Incorporation of the foregoing not-for-profit corporation, pursuant to Section 617.1007, Florida Statutes, which Restatement includes an amendment to the Articles of Incorporation. The amendment does not require member approval because the members have no voting rights. These Restated Articles of Incorporation were adopted by the Board of Directors on June 23, 1995.

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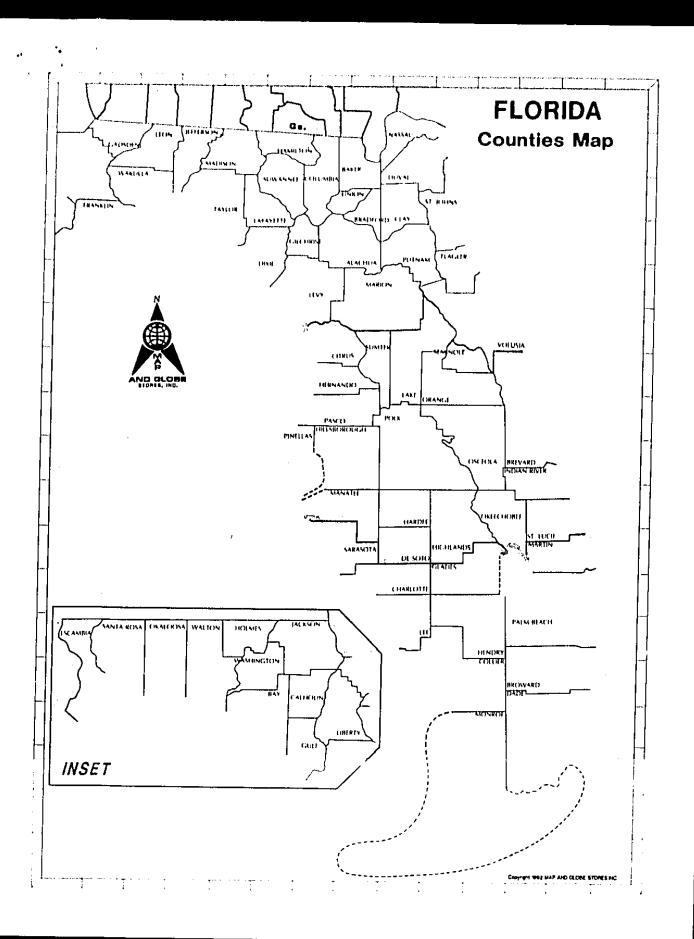
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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has executed these Restated Articles of Incorporation this <u>28</u> day of <u>Selekteary</u> 1996.

Ann Martin, Presiden





Florida Department of Agriculture & Consumer Services BOB CRAWFORD, Commissioner The Capitol * Tallahassee, Florida

August 10, 1995

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FLORIDA STATE FLORIST FOUNDATION, INC. 329 PARK AVENUE, SOUTH WINTER PARK, FL 32789-3278

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RE: FLORIDA STATE FLORIST FOUNDATION, INC. 329 PARK AVENUE, SOUTH WINTER PARK, FL 32789-3278

REGISTRATION EXPIRATION DATE: 08/10/96

Dear Sir/Madam:

The above-named exempt organization/sponsor has complied with the filing requirements of Section 496.406(1)(b), Florida Statutes, which states in part that an organization is exempt from the requirements of section 496.405, F.S., if its:

"Fundraising activities are carried on by volunteers, members, officers, or permanent employees who are not compensated primarily to solicit contributions and which do not actually raise or receive contributions from the public in excess of \$25,000 during the immediate preceding fiscal year, if no part of their assets or income inures to the benefit of or are paid to any officer or member, professional fundraising consultant, professional solicitor, or commercial co-venturer. Charitable organizations or sponsors which do not intend to solicit and receive in excess of that amount, shall file an initial registration statement or an annual renewal statement with the department pursuant to S. 496.405 within 30 days after contributions are received in excess of that amount."

Should the facts or circumstances change so as to alter the basis for the exemption, you must immediately notify the Division of such changes.

The affidavit of exemption is due on or before the organization's anniversary date. The anniversary date for this organization appears on the subject line. PLEASE RETAIN A COPY OF THIS LETTER FOR YOUR RECORDS.

FLORIDA STATE FLORIST FOUNDATION, INC. August 10, 1995 Page 2

Thank you for your cooperation. If you should have any questions, please contact us at 904-413-0840.

Sincerely,

BOB CRAWFORD COMMISSIONER OF AGRICULTURE

(MRS.) JOY SANDERS GODWIN Senior Consumer Complaint Analyst

904-488-2221/1-800-435-7352 (Florida Only)