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ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION  
OF  
ARCADIA WATERMELON ASSOCIATION, INC.  
A Corporation Not-for-Profit

The undersigned, acting as incorporators of a corporation pursuant to Chapter 617, Florida Statutes, adopt the following Articles of Incorporation for such corporation:

ARTICLE I.

NAME

The name of the corporation shall be **ARCADIA WATERMELON ASSOCIATION, INC.**

The principal address of the corporation at the time of incorporation is 23 ElVerno Avenue, Arcadia, Florida 33821.

ARTICLE II.

DURATION

The duration of this corporation is perpetual unless dissolved according to law.

Corporate existence shall commence on the date these articles of incorporation are filed by the Department of State.

ARTICLE III.

PURPOSE

The purposes for which the corporation is organized are to:

- A. To keep watermelon growers updated on the latest disease controls, handling methods, variety and seed quality.
- B. To cooperate with, and encourage participation from and with other groups, agencies, and seed companies, State and Federal

extension services, research and development services, and the like, in any way affecting and involving the watermelon industry.

- C. To create interest in our area and county watermelon industry. Carry on the watermelon festival that is held Memorial Day weekend each year, ever improving and enlarging the festival.
- D. To always carry on the watermelon queen program using at least three (3) age groups of girls. Sending the winner of the senior queen contest to all possible state wide functions, such as state fair and other watermelon festivals, swamp cabbage festival and any other function that her presence is needed. To make the Arcadia Watermelon Association, Inc. queen available to compete for Florida Watermelon Queen.
- E. To donate monies to worthwhile charities or non-profit organizations as deemed possible, working with same to improve our city, county and surrounding areas.
- F. Operate exclusively for nonprofit purposes. No part of any net earning shall inure to the benefit of any member, trustee, or officer of the corporation except as provided by law; and
- G. To exercise all powers conferred upon not for profit corporations under the laws of the State of Florida generally, and specifically as provided in Chapter 617 of the Florida Not For Profit Corporation Act, provided, however, that this corporation has no power to engage in any activity that in itself is not in furtherance of its purposes as set forth in subparagraphs (A) through (F) of this Article III.

#### ARTICLE IV.

##### QUALIFICATION AND ADMISSION OF MEMBERS

The qualifications for members and the manner of their admission by the corporation shall be as regulated by the corporation's bylaws.

#### ARTICLE V.

##### REGISTERED OFFICE AND REGISTERED AGENT

The street address of the corporation's initial registered office is 124 North Brevard Avenue, Arcadia, Florida 33821, and the name of the corporation's initial registered agent at said address is EUGENE E. WALDRON, JR.

#### ARTICLE VI.

##### FIRST BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The following three (3) persons shall serve the corporation as directors until the first annual meeting or other meeting called to elect directors:

| <u>Name</u>         | <u>Address</u>                               |
|---------------------|--|
| WILLIAM CLYDE WARE  | 23 ElVerano Avenue<br>Arcadia, Florida 33821 |
| GAYLE C. GILLENBERG | P.O. Box 971<br>Arcadia, Florida 33821       |
| RICH CHASTAIN       | 15300 N. River Road<br>Alva, Florida 33920   |

The Board of Directors shall be elected by the members of the corporation and shall be elected annually. The Board of Directors shall elect or appoint a president, vice-president, secretary, and

treasurer. The duties of the officers shall be prescribed by the bylaws of the corporation.

#### ARTICLE VII.

##### OFFICERS

The names of the officers who are to serve until the first election under these Articles of Incorporation shall be:

| <u>Name</u>  | <u>Office</u>  |
|--|----------------|
| WILLIAM CLYDE WARE<br>23 ElVerano Avenue<br>Arcadia, Florida 33821   | President      |
| RICH CHASTAIN<br>15300 N. River Road<br>Alva, Florida 33920          | Vice-President |
| GAYLE C. GILLENBERG<br>Post Office Box 971<br>Arcadia, Florida 33821 | Treasurer      |
| GAYLE C. GILLENBERG<br>Post Office Box 971<br>Arcadia, Florida 33821 | Secretary      |

#### ARTICLE VIII.

##### BASIS UNDER WHICH CORPORATION ORGANIZED

This corporation is organized under a non-stock basis. The corporation is a not for profit corporation as defined by the Not For Profit Corporation Action in Chapter 617 of the Florida Statutes. As such, it is not organized for the pecuniary gain or profit of, and its net earnings nor any part thereof is distributable to, its members, directors, officers, or other private persons except as specifically permitted under the provisions of the Florida Not For Profit Corporation Act.

ARTICLE IX.

INCORPORATORS

The name and address of each incorporator is as follows:

| <u>Name</u>        | <u>Address</u>                               |
|--------------------|--|
| WILLIAM CLYDE WARE | 23 ElVerano Avenue<br>Arcadia, Florida 33821 |

ARTICLE X.

AMENDMENTS

The Bylaws of the Corporation shall be amended, altered, or rescinded by the Board of Directors.

Amendments to the Articles of Incorporation may be proposed by any member of the Board of Directors and adopted by a majority vote thereof.

ARTICLE XI.

DISTRIBUTION ON DISSOLUTION

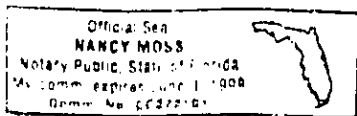
In the event of dissolution, the residual assets of the corporation will be turned over to one or more organizations which themselves are exempt as organizations described in Sections 501(c)(3) or 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 or corresponding sections of such code as subsequently amended, or to the federal, state, or local government to be used exclusively for public purposes.

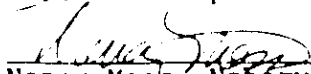
In witness whereof, the undersigned incorporators have executed these articles of incorporation on March 20, 1995.

  
WILLIAM CLYDE WARE, Incorporator

STATE OF FLORIDA:  
COUNTY OF DESOTO:

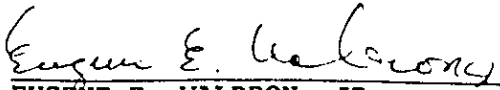
The foregoing was acknowledged before me this 20th day of March, 1995 by WILLIAM CLYDE WARE who is personally known to me.



  
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Nancy Moss, Notary Public  
State of Florida at Large  
My Commission No.: CC372161  
My Commission Expires:

ACCEPTANCE OF REGISTERED AGENT

I, EUGENE E. WALDRON, JR., the designated agent to accept service of process for this corporation, do hereby accept to act in this capacity, and agree to comply with the provision of said act relative to keeping open said office.

  
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EUGENE E. WALDRON, JR.