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Secretary of State
Division of Corporations
Post Office Box 6327
Tallahassee, Florida 32314

Re: Articles of Incorporation for: Friends of the Nature
Coast Marine and Environmental Sciences Center, Inc.

Dear Sir/Madam:

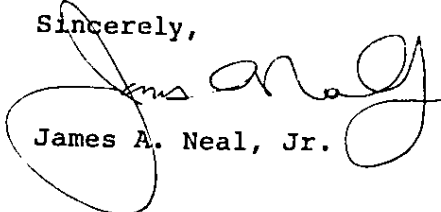
I am enclosing herewith an original and a copy of the Articles of Incorporation for the above named corporation. In addition, a check in the amount of \$122.50 is enclosed which represents the following fees:

Filing Fee.....	\$ 35.00
Certified Copy.....	\$ 52.50
Registered Agent Fee.....	<u>\$ 35.00</u>
Total.....\$122.50

Please file the original of the enclosed Articles of Incorporation and return a certified copy to the undersigned in the enclosed self-addressed stamped envelope provided for your convenience.

Your prompt attention to this matter would be appreciated.

Sincerely,


James A. Neal, Jr.

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xc: Kevin Cunningham

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**ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION
OF
FRIENDS OF THE NATURE COAST MARINE
AND ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES CENTER, INC.**

The undersigned, acting as incorporator of a not-for-profit corporation, pursuant to Chapter 617, Florida Statutes, adopts the following Articles of Incorporation:

ARTICLE I - NAME

The name of the corporation is: FRIENDS OF THE NATURE COAST MARINE AND ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES CENTER, INC.

ARTICLE II - PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS AND MAILING ADDRESS

The principal place of business and the mailing address of this corporation shall be:

Marine Science Station
12646 West Fort Island Trail
Crystal River FL 34429

ARTICLE III - PURPOSE(S)

The specific purpose(s) for which this corporation is organized is (are):

Exclusively religious, charitable, scientific, literary and educational within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law, including:

- A. To promote establishment of a Marine and Environmental Sciences Academy in Citrus County.

- B. To promote utilization of the Marine Science Station as a regional nature center for promotion of environmental awareness of Citrus County water and environmental resources.
- C. To promote renovation and opening of the Marine Science Station aquarium to the public.
- D. To promote restoration, enhancement, and opening to the public of nature trails at the Marine Science Station and to include boardwalks and self guided paths demonstrating the diversity of the estuarine ecosystem.
- E. To promote public utilization of the marine Science Station including scientific and educational ecotourism programs such as guided canoe or power boat trips which are distinct from and not competitive with privately owned business activities.
- F. To apply for and administer funding from federal, state, local and private sources to support and improve the Marine Science Station facilities and programs.
- G. To recruit, train, and coordinate volunteers for the Marine Science Station.
- H. To locate and coordinate cooperative environmental programs between the Marine Science Station and universities, colleges, schools, and other similar facilities.
- I. To support efforts to establish olderhostel and other adult

environmental activities at the Marine Science Station.

- J. To promote public awareness of the Marine Science Station and its importance not only to students in the school system, but to the whole region.
- K. To receive, maintain and accept as assets of the corporation any property, whether real, personal or mixed, by way of gift, bequest, devise or purchase, from any person, firm, trust or corporation, to be held, administered, and disposed of exclusively for charitable, religious, educational and scientific purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, as amended, and in accordance with and pursuant to the provisions of these Articles of Incorporation; but no gift, bequest, devise or purchase of any property shall be received or made and accepted if it is conditioned or limited in any manner as shall require the disposition of income or principal to any organization other than a "charitable organization" or for any purpose other than "charitable purposes" which would jeopardize the status of the corporation as an entity exempt from federal income tax pursuant to the relevant provisions of the Internal Revenue Code, as amended.
- E. To exclusively promote and carry on any other religious, charitable or educational purposes and activities for which corporations may be organized and operated under the relevant provisions of the Internal Revenue Code, as

amended, and under the Florida
Non-Profit Corporation Code.

- F. Notwithstanding any other provisions of these Articles, this organization shall not carry on any activities not permitted to be carried by an organization exempt from Federal Income Tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law.

ARTICLE IV - MANNER OF ELECTION OF DIRECTORS

The manner in which the directors are elected or appointed as set forth in the By-Laws.

ARTICLE V - REGISTERED AGENT NAME & ADDRESS

The name and Street Address of the initial registered agent is:

Kevin Cunningham
2859 North Carl G. Rose Highway
Hernando FL 34442

ARTICLE VII - INCORPORATOR

The name and address of the incorporator for these articles of incorporation is: Kevin Cunningham.

THE UNDERSIGNED INCORPORATOR HAS EXECUTED THESE ARTICLES
OF INCORPORATION THIS 14 DAY OF July, 1995.

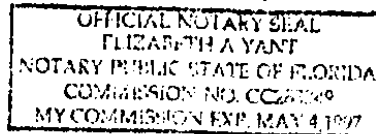

KEVIN CUNNINGHAM, Incorporator

STATE OF FLORIDA
COUNTY OF CITRUS

The foregoing Articles of Incorporation for The Friends
of the Nature Coast Marine and Environmental Sciences Center,

Inc., was acknowledged before me this 14th day of April, 1995, by Kevin Cunningham, who is personally known to me and who did not take an oath.

Elizabeth A. Yant
NOTARY PUBLIC
Printed Name: Elizabeth A. Yant
Serial Number, if any: _____
My Commission Expires: _____



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**CERTIFICATE OF DESIGNATION REGISTERED
AGENT/REGISTERED OFFICE**

PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 607.0501, OR 617.0501, FLORIDA STATUTES, THE UNDERSIGNED CORPORATION, ORGANIZED UNDER THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA, SUBMITS THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT IN DESIGNATING THE REGISTERED OFFICE/REGISTERED AGENT, IN THE STATE OF FLORIDA.

1. The Name of the Corporation is: FRIENDS OF THE NATURE COAST MARINE AND ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES CENTER, INC.
2. The name and address of the registered agent and office is:

Kevin Cunningham
2859 North Carl G Rose Highway
Hernando FL 34442

HAVING BEEN NAMED AS REGISTERED AGENT AND TO ACCEPT SERVICE OF PROCESS FOR THE ABOVE STATED CORPORATION AT THE PLACE DESIGNATED IN THIS CERTIFICATE, I HEREBY ACCEPT THE APPOINTMENT AS REGISTERED AGENT AND AGREE TO ACT IN THIS CAPACITY. I FURTHER AGREE TO COMPLY WITH THE PROVISIONS OF ALL STATUTES RELATING TO THE PROPER AND COMPLETE PERFORMANCE OF MY DUTIES, AND I AM FAMILIAR WITH AND ACCEPT THE OBLIGATIONS OF MY POSITION AS REGISTERED AGENT.

BY: _____
KEVIN CUNNINGHAM, Registered Agent

DATE: _____