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April 19, 1996

Mr. David Mann, Director
Division of Corporations
Department of State
P.O. Box 6327
Tallahassee, Florida 32314

Dear Mr. Mann:

This letter is to request waiver of normal filing fees for the incorporation of Friends of Fanning Springs, a duly certified Citizens Support Organization formed to support the Department of Environmental Protection and the Office of Greenways and Trails in the management and operation of Fanning Springs State Recreation and Conservation Area. This request is in accordance with Chapters 370.0205 and 617.0122, Florida Statutes.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Yours in Better Government,

[Signature of Fred D. Ayer]
Fred D. Ayer, Director
Office of Greenways and Trails
325 John Knox Rd., Bldg. 500
Tallahassee, FL 32303-4124

*Pursuant to F.S.
617.0122 this filing
is exempt from any fees
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ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION
OF
FRIENDS OF FANNING, INC.

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SEC. STATE
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The undersigned hereby forms a non-profit corporation under the following Charter of Articles of Incorporation pursuant to the Florida Not-For-Profit Corporation Act:

ARTICLE I

The name of this Corporation shall be FRIENDS OF FANNING, INC.

ARTICLE II

The purposes of this Corporation are to:

(1) Act as a non-profit corporation to support the best interest of the Fanning Springs Conservation and Recreation Area.

(2) Generate and employ additional resources for the Fanning Springs Conservation and Recreation Area.

(3) Act as a non-profit corporation exclusively for charitable, educational, and/or scientific purposes, including the making of distributions to organizations that qualify as exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code (or corresponding sections of any future federal tax code).

(4) Do all things and transact all business which may be done lawfully by any person or individual, not inconsistent with the above or the rights and purposes of a non-profit corporation.

Said corporation is organized exclusively for charitable, educational, and scientific purposes, including, for such purposes, the making of distributions to organizations that qualify as exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

ARTICLE III

The period of this Corporation's existence is perpetual.

ARTICLE IV

The street address of the Principal Office of this Corporation is 6551 NW 100th Street, Chiefland, Florida 32626, and the initial Registered Agent of this Corporation at that address is Lynetta Usher Griner.

ARTICLE V

The qualification of members and the manner of their admission to this Corporation shall be regulated by this Corporation's Bylaws.

ARTICLE VI

The name and address of the Incorporator is as follows:

Lynetta Usher Griner
Post Office Drawer 1819
Chiefland, Florida 32644-1819

ARTICLE VII

The number of Directors constituting this Corporation's initial board of Directors is three (3), whose names and addresses are below. Additional directors shall be elected in accordance with the Bylaws.

Lynetta Usher Griner
Post Office Drawer 1819
Chiefland, Florida 32644-1819

Carol J. McQueen
Route 3, Box 179
Old Town, Florida 32680

Mickey T. Thomason
Post Office Box 1832
Old Town, Florida 32680-1832

ARTICLE VIII

These Articles of Incorporation may be amended in the manner provided by law.

ARTICLE IX

The Corporation shall indemnify its Officers, Directors and Authorized Agents for all liabilities incurred directly, indirectly or incidentally to services performed for the Corporation, to the fullest extent permitted under Florida law existing now or hereafter enacted.

ARTICLE X

No part of the net earnings of the Corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its members, trustees, officers or other private persons, except that the Corporation shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth in ARTICLE II above. 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 in, or otherwise 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, this Corporation shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on by (a) by a corporation exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or by (b) by a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

ARTICLE XI

In the event of dissolution or other termination of this Corporation, the following will occur:

Title to all of its assets shall vest in the Department of Environmental Protection of the State of Florida, or its successors, to be used exclusively for the purposes hereinabove set forth, it being intended that no distribution or payment shall be made which will impair, deny or destroy the tax exempt status of the Corporation or which will result in the denial of the tax exempt status of donations, contributions, legacies or dues received by this Corporation to the extent that such tax exempt status shall be allowed under any applicable law or regulation.

ARTICLE XII

The Corporation shall not issue shares of stock, but membership in the Corporation shall be evidenced by a Certificate of Membership which shall contain the statement, printed prominently upon the face of the Certificate, that the Corporation is a non-profit Corporation. No dividends shall be paid by the Corporation and no part of the net income of the Corporation shall be distributed to the members.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned Incorporator has made and executed these Articles of Incorporation of FRIENDS OF FANNING, INC for the uses and purposes aforesaid this 15th day of April, 1996.


LYNETTA USHER GRINER

STATE OF FLORIDA
COUNTY OF LEVY

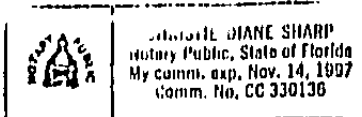
I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this day, before me, an officer duly

authorized in the State aforesaid and in the County aforesaid, to take acknowledgments, personally appeared LYNETTA USHER GRINER who is personally known to me or who has produced _____ as identification and who executed the foregoing instrument and she acknowledged before me that she executed the same.

WITNESS my hand and official seal in the County and State last aforesaid this 15th day of April, 1996.

Christie Diane Sharp
NOTARY PUBLIC

My Commission Expires:



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ACCEPTANCE OF REGISTERED AGENT

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Having been named to accept service of process for the above
stated corporation, at the place designated in these Articles of
Incorporation, I hereby agree to act in this capacity, and I
further agree to comply with the provisions of all statutes
relative to the proper and complete performance of my duties.

Lynetta Usher Griner
LYNETTA USHER GRINER