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Secretary of State Division of Corporations 409 East Gaines Street Tallahassee, Florida 32301

Re:

Venice Pythons, Inc., a Florida not-for-profit corporation

Dear Sir:

We enclose the original and one copy of the Articles of Incorporation for the above corporation. Also enclosed is our check in the amount of \$122.50 to cover the cost of this filing.

Filing Fee \$35.00
Registered Agent Designation 35.00
Certified Copy of Articles 52.50
Total Filing Fee \$122.50

Please return a certified copy of the Articles of Incorporation to our office at the post office box listed above.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Kind regards.

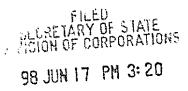
Very truly yours,

Peggy S. Frook

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### ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF VENICE PYTHONS, INC.

The undersigned, for the purpose of forming a corporation under the Florida Not For Profit Corporation Act, hereby adopts the following Articles of Incorporation.

#### ARTICLE ONE NAME

The name of the Corporation is VENICE PYTHONS, INC.

#### ARTICLE TWO PRINCIPAL OFFICE

The street address of the principal office of the Corporation is 4010 Casey Key Road, Nokomis, Florida 34275. The mailing address of the Corporation is the same.

## ARTICLE THREE PURPOSE

(A) The purposes for which the Corporation is organized are to receive and administer funds for scientific, educational and charitable purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of the United States, and to that end to hold any property, or any undivided interest in property, without limitation as to amount or value; to dispose of any such property and to invest, reinvest or deal with the principal or the income in such manner as, in the judgment of the directors, will best promote the purposes of the Corporation without limitation, except such limitations as may be contained in the instrument under which such property is received, these Articles of Incorporation, the Bylaws of the Corporation, or any applicable laws;

to do any other act or thing incidental to or connected with the foregoing purposes or in advancement thereof, but not for the pecuniary profit or financial gain of its directors or officers except as permitted under the Florida Not for Profit Corporation Act.

- (B) No part of the net earnings of the Corporation shall inure to the benefit of any member, trustee, officer of the Corporation or any private individual (except that reasonable compensation may be paid for services rendered to or for the Corporation affecting one or more of its purposes), and no member, trustee, officer of the Corporation, or any private individual shall be entitled to share in the distribution of any of the corporate assets on dissolution of the Corporation. 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 intervene in (including the publication or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office.
- (C) The Corporation shall distribute its income for each taxable year at such time and in such manner as not to become subject to the tax on undistributed income imposed by Section 4942 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 or corresponding provisions of any subsequent federal tax laws.
- (D) The Corporation shall not engage in any act of self-dealing as defined in Section 4941(d) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, or corresponding provisions of any subsequent federal tax laws.
- (E) The Corporation shall not retain any excess business holdings as defined in Section 4943(c) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, or corresponding provisions of any subsequent federal tax laws.

- (F) The Corporation shall not make any investments in such manner as to subject it to tax under Section 4944 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, or corresponding provisions of any subsequent federal tax laws.
- (G) The Corporation shall not make any taxable expenditures as defined in Section 4945(d) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, or corresponding provisions of any subsequent federal tax laws.
- (H) Notwithstanding any other provision of these Articles of Incorporation, the Corporation shall not carry on any activities not permitted by an organization exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and its Regulations as they now exist or as they may be amended, or by an organization, contributions to which are deductible under Section 170(c)(2) of such Code and Regulations as they now exist or as they may be amended.
- (I) Upon the dissolution of the Corporation or the winding up of its affairs, the assets of the Corporation shall be distributed exclusively to charitable, religious, scientific, literary or educational organizations which would then qualify under the provisions of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and its Regulations as they now exist or as they may be amended.

## ARTICLE FOUR DIRECTORS

The directors of the Corporation shall be elected in the manner set forth in the Bylaws of the Corporation.

#### ARTICLE FIVE INITIAL REGISTERED AGENT AND ADDRESS

As set forth in the registered agent's written acceptance of appointment which is delivered to the Department of State with these Articles of Incorporation, the name and address of the initial registered agent for the Corporation is Alfred S. Giuffrida, 4010 Casey Key Road, Nokomis, Florida 34725.

#### ARTICLE SIX INCORPORATOR

The name and street address of the incorporator are as follows: Alfred S. Giuffrida, 4010 Casey Key Road, Nokomis, Florida 34725

Alfred S. Giuffrida, Incorporator

ACCEPTANCE OF REGISTERED AGENT

The undersigned, who has been designated registered agent and to accept service of process for the above corporation, affirms that his name is Alfred S. Giuffrida, and the address for the registered office of the corporation is 4010 Casey Key Road, Nokomis, Florida 34275. 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.

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