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**ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION**

**OF**

**HOBE SOUND CITIZENS ALLIANCE, INC.**

**(a Florida non-profit corporation)**

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**ARTICLE ONE**

**Name**

The name of the Corporation is HOBE SOUND CITIZENS  
ALLIANCE, INC.

**ARTICLE TWO**

**Duration**

The term of existence of the Corporation is perpetual.

**ARTICLE THREE**

**Purpose**

The Corporation is organized to promote the safety of all residents  
of and visitors to Hobe Sound, Florida, to educate residents to increase  
community awareness, support local school programs, boys' and girls'  
clubs, promote environmental educational programs utilizing the talents

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and experience of local residents, guest speakers, and local and state officials, to interface with local community groups and other citizens' groups, and to engage in any lawful purposes not for pecuniary profit.

#### **ARTICLE FOUR**

##### **Registered Agent Information**

The street address of the initial registered office of this corporation is 1855 South Kanner Highway, Stuart, Florida, and the name of the initial registered agent of this corporation at that address is Virginia P. Sherlock. The principal office of the corporation is located at 9684 SE Gleason Street, Hobe Sound, Florida.

#### **ARTICLE FIVE**

##### **Directors**

There shall be three (3) members of the Initial Board of Directors of the Corporation. The number of Directors may be either increased or diminished from time to time by the By-Laws but shall never be less than three (3) members and never more than twelve (12) members. The names and addresses of the persons who shall serve as Directors until the first election thereof are as follows:

Mary A. Merrill  
9684 SE Gleason St.  
Hobe Sound, FL 33455

Jack Cox  
12130 SE Indian River Road  
Hobe Sound, FL 33455

Dotty Weigel  
12331 SE Indian River Road  
Hobe Sound, FL 33455

## **ARTICLE SIX**

### **Officers**

The affairs of the Corporation shall be managed by a President, a Vice President, a Secretary and a Treasurer. Such Officers shall be elected annually on November 15 or such other date each year as shall be established by the Board of Directors. The names of the persons who shall serve as Officers until the first election of Officers under these

Articles of Incorporation are as follows:

Mary A. Merrill  
9684 SE Gleason St.  
Hobe Sound, FL 33455  
President

Jack Cox  
12130 SE Indian River Road  
Hobe Sound, FL 33455  
Vice President/Treasurer

Dotty Weigel  
12331 SE Indian River Road  
Hobe Sound, FL 33455  
Secretary

## **ARTICLE SEVEN**

### **Members**

The Corporation shall have Members. Members of the Corporation shall be residents of or visitors to Hobe Sound, Florida, who support the goals and mission of the corporation.

## **ARTICLE EIGHT**

### **By-Laws**

The Bylaws of the corporation may be made, altered, or rescinded by the Directors of the corporation or by a meeting of members called for the purpose.

## **ARTICLE NINE**

### **Amendments to Articles**

These Articles of Incorporation may be amended by the act of the Directors of the Corporation. Such amendments may be proposed and adopted in the manner provided in the Bylaws of the Corporation.

## **ARTICLE TEN**

### **Incorporators**

The name and residence address of the subscriber of these Articles of Incorporation are:

Mary A. Merrill  
9684 SE Gleason St.  
Hobe Sound, FL 33455

## **ARTICLE ELEVEN**

### **General Powers**

The Corporation shall be empowered to:

1. Own and convey property;
2. Operate and maintain property;
3. Appear on behalf of members and of the community at public meetings or hearings with respect to matters of interest to the membership;
4. Establish a schedule of fees or dues and collect said fees or dues from members;
5. Sue and be sued;
6. Contract for materials and/or services;
7. Solicit contributions from members and the general public;
8. Engage in any other activity which furthers the goals and mission of the corporation.

## **ARTICLE TWELVE**

### **Tax Exemption**

The corporation is organized exclusively for charitable, religious,

contributions to which are deductible under section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law).

Upon the dissolution of the corporation, the Board of Directors shall, after paying or making provision for the payment of all of the liabilities of the corporation, dispose of all of the assets of the corporation exclusively for the purposes of the corporation in such manner, or to such organization or organizations organized and operated exclusively for charitable, educational, religious, or scientific purposes as shall at the time qualify as an exempt organization or organizations under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law) as the Board of Directors shall determine. Any such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by the Superior Court of the county in which the principal office of the corporation is then located, exclusively for such purposes or to such organization or organizations, as said Court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have subscribed my name this 11th day of August, 1998.

  
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Mary A. Merrill

educational, or scientific purposes, including, for such purposes, the making of distributions to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law).

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 Third hereof. 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 publishing or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office.

Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, the corporation shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by a corporation 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) or (b) by a corporation,

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Pursuant to Chapter 48.091, Florida Statutes, the following is  
submitted in compliance with said Act:

That HOBE SOUND CITIZENS ALLIANCE, INC., desiring to  
organize under the laws of the State of Florida, with its principal office at  
the City of Hobe Sound, County of Martin, State of Florida, as set forth in  
the Articles of Incorporation, has named Virginia P. Sherlock, located at  
1855 South Kanner Highway, Stuart, Florida, as its Registered Agent to  
accept service of process on the corporation's behalf within this State.

**ACKNOWLEDGMENT**

(Must Be Signed by Registered Agent)

Having been named to accept service of process for the above  
mentioned corporation, at the place designated in this Certificate, I hereby  
accept to act in this capacity and agree to comply with the provisions of  
said Act relative to keeping open said office.

  
Virginia P. Sherlock  
As Registered Agent