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**ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION
OF
ST. LUCIE RIVER LEGAL DEFENSE FUND, INC.**

THE UNDERSIGNED hereby associate themselves for the purpose of forming a corporation not-for-profit under and pursuant to Chapter 617, Florida Statutes (1997) and do certify as follows:

**ARTICLE I
NAME**

The name of this corporation is ST. LUCIE RIVER LEGAL DEFENSE FUND, INC. The corporation is sometimes referred to herein as the "Corporation".

**ARTICLE II
DEFINITIONS**

All terms used herein are to have the same meaning as said terms have in the By-Laws of the Corporation and any amendments thereto, subject to definitions set forth in Florida law.

**ARTICLE III
PRINCIPAL OFFICE AND AGENT**

The principal place of business and initial registered office of the Corporation is: 555 Colorado Avenue, Stuart, Florida 34994. The registered agent of the Corporation at that address is: Lawrence E. Crary.

Prepared by:
Lawrence E. Crary III, Esquire
555 Colorado Avenue
Stuart, FL 34994
(561) 287-2600
Fla. Bar No.: 250414

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ARTICLE IV
OBJECTS, PURPOSES AND POWERS

Section 1. The general purposes for which this corporation is organized are to protect, defend and restore the St. Lucie River located in Martin and St. Lucie Counties, Florida as the primary and paramount natural resource of the above-said counties, to take such legal action as may be necessary and advisable to protect, defend and restore the St. Lucie River, to educate the public and the members of this corporation as to the legal resources and remedies available to protect, defend and restore the St. Lucie River, and to engage in any other activity which further these purposes or are ancillary or incident thereof, and to engage in other activities permitted for charitable organizations under the laws of the State of Florida, any other state and the United States.

Section 2. The purposes for which the corporation is organized are exclusively religious, charitable, scientific, literary, and educational within the meaning of section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue law.

Section 3. Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, this corporation shall not carry on any activities not permitted to be carried on 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.

Section 4. Upon the dissolution of the corporation, assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or shall be distributed to the federal government, or to a state or local government, for a public purpose. Any such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by the State Court having jurisdiction in 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.

Section 5. The corporation shall have the power to do all things necessary and proper to carry out and accomplish the above objects and purposes and of such other objects and purposes as are deemed necessary or proper by its Directors. The Corporation shall have all of the powers of a Corporation not-for-profit organized and existing under the laws of the State of Florida, and all the powers reasonably necessary to implement the powers of the Corporation.

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ARTICLE V
MAILING ADDRESS

The mailing address of the Corporation is: 555 Colorado Avenue, Stuart, Florida 34994.

ARTICLE VI
MEMBERS

Section 1. The Members of this Corporation shall consist of those persons who apply for membership on the forms and under the terms prescribed by the Board of Directors and who pay the prescribed dues as established by the Board of Directors from time to time.

Section 2. Membership of this Corporation cannot be assigned, hypothecated or transferred in any manner.

Section 3. Voting membership in this Corporation shall be restricted to those persons who are members of the Board of Directors of the Corporation.

ARTICLE VII
TERM

This Corporation shall exist perpetually.

ARTICLE VIII
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The business and affairs of the Corporation shall be managed by a Board of Directors consisting of not less than three (3) Directors. The first Board of Directors shall consist of eleven (11) members. The Board of Directors shall be elected by the Members of the Corporation entitled to vote as provided in these Articles and in the By-Laws of the Corporation. The names and addresses of the first Board of Directors who shall hold office until the first annual meeting and thereafter until their successors are elected and have qualified, are as follows:

Name

Address

Carl Coffin

121 Flagler Avenue
Stuart, FL 34994

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Evans Crary, Jr.

555 Colorado Avenue
Stuart, Florida 34994

Lawrence E. Crary III

555 Colorado Avenue
Stuart, Florida 34994

Philip E. DeBerard

215 S. Federal Highway, Suite 300
Stuart, Florida 34994

Peter T. Gianino

217 East Ocean Blvd.
Stuart, Florida 34994

David Golden

49 West Seminole Street
Stuart, Florida 34994

William E. Guy, Jr.

55 East Ocean Blvd.
Stuart, Florida 34994

Kevin Henderson

300 North Colorado Avenue
Stuart, Florida 34994

Robert Lord, Jr.

Post Office Box 9010
Stuart, FL 34995

Robert N. Maitland II

2081 E. Ocean Blvd., 2nd Floor
Stuart, FL 34996

Mark Perry

301 S.E. MacArthur Blvd.
Stuart, Florida 34996

ARTICLE IX
OFFICERS

The officers of the Corporation shall consist of a President, one or more Vice Presidents, a Secretary and a Treasurer. The officers of the Corporation shall be elected by the Board of Directors of the Corporation in accordance with the provisions of the By-Laws of the Corporation. Any two (2) or more offices may be held by the same person,

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except the offices of President and Secretary. Officers, except for the President and Secretary, need not be members of the Board of Directors. The initial officers are:

William E. Guy, Jr.	President
Robert N. Maitland II	Vice President
Lawrence E. Crary III	Treasurer
Lawrence E. Crary III	Secretary

ARTICLE X **INDEMNIFICATION**

Every Director and every officer of the Corporation shall be indemnified by the Corporation against all expenses and liabilities, including counsel fees reasonably incurred by or imposed by him in connection with any proceeding to which he may be a party, or in which he may become involved, by reason of his being or having been a Director or officer of the Corporation, or any settlement thereof, whether or not he is a Director or officer at the time such expenses are incurred, except in such cases wherein the Director or officer is adjudged guilty of willful misfeasance or malfeasance in the performance of his duties; provided that in the event of a settlement, the indemnification herein shall apply only when the Board of Directors approves such settlement and reimbursement as being for the best interest of the Corporation. The foregoing right of indemnification shall be in addition to and not exclusive of all other rights to which such Director or officer may be entitled.

ARTICLE XI **AMENDMENT OF ARTICLES**

These Articles may be amended by an affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the Members of the Corporation entitled to vote.

ARTICLE XII **BY-LAWS**

The Corporation shall adopt By-Laws governing the conduct of the affairs of the Corporation. The By-Laws shall be altered, amended, or rescinded as provided in the By-Laws by the affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the Members of the Corporation entitled to vote who are present at any annual or special meeting of the Members.

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SUBSCRIBERS**

The names and addresses of the subscribers to these Articles of Incorporation are as follows:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>
Carl Coffin	121 Flagler Avenue Stuart, FL 34994
Evans Crary, Jr.	555 Colorado Avenue Stuart, Florida 34994
Lawrence E. Crary III	555 Colorado Avenue Stuart, Florida 34994
Philip E. DeBerard	215 S. Federal Highway, Suite 300 Stuart, Florida 34994
Peter T. Gianino	217 East Ocean Blvd. Stuart, Florida 34994
David Golden	49 West Seminole Street Stuart, Florida 34994
William E. Guy, Jr.	55 East Ocean Blvd. Stuart, Florida 34994
Kevin Henderson	300 North Colorado Avenue Stuart, Florida 34994
Robert Lord, Jr.	Post Office Box 9010 Stuart, FL 34995
Robert N. Maitland II	2081 E. Ocean Blvd., 2nd Floor Stuart, FL 34996

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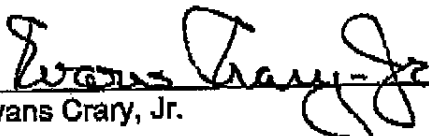
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~~Mark Perry~~

~~301 S.E. MacArthur Blvd.
Stuart, Florida 34996~~

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the subscribing incorporators have hereunto set their hands and caused these Articles of Incorporation to be executed this 15th day of September, 1998.

~~Carl Coffin~~

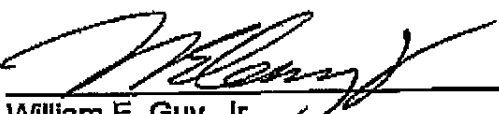

Evans Crary, Jr.


Lawrence E. Crary III

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Peter T. Gianino

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William E. Guy, Jr.


Kevin Henderson

~~Robert Lord, Jr.~~


Robert N. Maitland II

~~Mark Perry~~

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COUNTY OF MARTIN

~~The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this _____ day of _____, 1998 by Carl Coffin (PLEASE CHECK ONE OF THE FOLLOWING) [] who is personally known to me or [] who has produced _____ (TYPE OF IDENTIFICATION) as identification and who (PLEASE CHECK ONE OF THE FOLLOWING) [] did or [] did not take an oath. He subscribed the above Articles of Incorporation, and he did freely and voluntarily acknowledged before me according to law that he made and subscribed the same for the uses and purposes therein mentioned and set forth.~~

(SEAL)

NOTARY PUBLIC

My Commission Expires: _____

(Print Name)

STATE OF FLORIDA
COUNTY OF MARTIN

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this 15th day of September, 1998 by Evans Crary, Jr. (PLEASE CHECK ONE OF THE FOLLOWING) [X] who is personally known to me or [] who has produced _____ (TYPE OF IDENTIFICATION) as identification and who (PLEASE CHECK ONE OF THE FOLLOWING) [X] did or [] did not take an oath. He subscribed the above Articles of Incorporation, and he did freely and voluntarily acknowledged before me according to law that he made and subscribed the same for the uses and purposes therein mentioned and set forth.



NOTARY PUBLIC

My Commission Expires: 5/1/99

(Print Name)

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COUNTY OF MARTIN

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this 8th day of September, 1998 by Lawrence E. Crary III (PLEASE CHECK ONE OF THE FOLLOWING) ☒ who is personally known to me or ☐ who has produced _____ (TYPE OF IDENTIFICATION) as identification and who (PLEASE CHECK ONE OF THE FOLLOWING) ☒ did or ☐ did not take an oath. He subscribed the above Articles of Incorporation, and he did freely and voluntarily acknowledged before me according to law that he made and subscribed the same for the uses and purposes therein mentioned and set forth.



Maritza Polanco
Maritza Polanco (Print Name)
NOTARY PUBLIC
My Commission Expires: 5/1/99

STATE OF FLORIDA
COUNTY OF MARTIN

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this _____ day of _____, 1998 by Philip E. DeBerard (PLEASE CHECK ONE OF THE FOLLOWING) ☐ who is personally known to me or ☐ who has produced _____ (TYPE OF IDENTIFICATION) as identification and who (PLEASE CHECK ONE OF THE FOLLOWING) ☐ did or ☐ did not take an oath. He subscribed the above Articles of Incorporation, and he did freely and voluntarily acknowledged before me according to law that he made and subscribed the same for the uses and purposes therein mentioned and set forth.

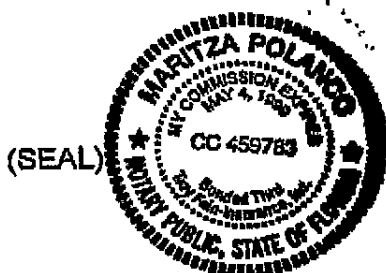
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(Print Name)
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The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this 14th day of September, 1998 by Peter T. Gianino (PLEASE CHECK ONE OF THE FOLLOWING) ☒ who is personally known to me or ☐ who has produced _____ (TYPE OF IDENTIFICATION) as identification and who (PLEASE CHECK ONE OF THE FOLLOWING) ☒ did or ☐ did not take an oath. He subscribed the above Articles of Incorporation, and he did freely and voluntarily acknowledged before me according to law that he made and subscribed the same for the uses and purposes therein mentioned and set forth.



Maritza Polanco
Maritza Polanco (Print Name)
NOTARY PUBLIC
My Commission Expires: 5/4/99

STATE OF FLORIDA
COUNTY OF MARTIN

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this _____ day of _____, 1998 by David Golden (PLEASE CHECK ONE OF THE FOLLOWING) ☐ who is personally known to me or ☐ who has produced _____ (TYPE OF IDENTIFICATION) as identification and who (PLEASE CHECK ONE OF THE FOLLOWING) ☐ did or ☐ did not take an oath. He subscribed the above Articles of Incorporation, and he did freely and voluntarily acknowledged before me according to law that he made and subscribed the same for the uses and purposes therein mentioned and set forth.

(SEAL)

(Print Name)
NOTARY PUBLIC
My Commission Expires: _____

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COUNTY OF MARTIN

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this _____ day of _____, 1998 by **William E. Guy, Jr.** (PLEASE CHECK ONE OF THE FOLLOWING) ☐ who is personally known to me or ☐ who has produced _____ (TYPE OF IDENTIFICATION) as identification and who (PLEASE CHECK ONE OF THE FOLLOWING) ☐ did or ☐ did not take an oath. He subscribed the above Articles of Incorporation, and he did freely and voluntarily acknowledged before me according to law that he made and subscribed the same for the uses and purposes therein mentioned and set forth.

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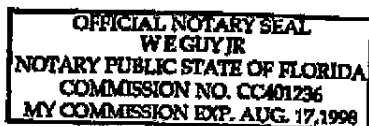
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STATE OF FLORIDA
COUNTY OF MARTIN

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this 8th day of September, 1998 by **Kevin Henderson** (PLEASE CHECK ONE OF THE FOLLOWING) ☒ who is personally known to me or ☐ who has produced _____ (TYPE OF IDENTIFICATION) as identification and who (PLEASE CHECK ONE OF THE FOLLOWING) ☐ did or ☐ did not take an oath. He subscribed the above Articles of Incorporation, and he did freely and voluntarily acknowledged before me according to law that he made and subscribed the same for the uses and purposes therein mentioned and set forth.



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W. E. GUY, JR (Print Name)
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The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this _____ day of _____, 1998 by Robert Lord, Jr. (PLEASE CHECK ONE OF THE FOLLOWING) ☐ who is personally known to me or ☐ who has produced _____ (TYPE OF IDENTIFICATION) as identification and who (PLEASE CHECK ONE OF THE FOLLOWING) ☐ did or ☐ did not take an oath. He subscribed the above Articles of Incorporation, and he did freely and voluntarily acknowledged before me according to law that he made and subscribed the same for the uses and purposes therein mentioned and set forth.

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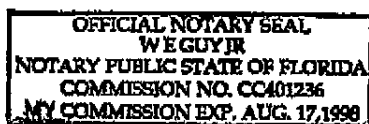
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My Commission Expires:

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COUNTY OF MARTIN

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this 8th day of September, 1998 by Robert N. Maitland II (PLEASE CHECK ONE OF THE FOLLOWING) ☒ who is personally known to me or ☐ who has produced _____ (TYPE OF IDENTIFICATION) as identification and who (PLEASE CHECK ONE OF THE FOLLOWING) ☐ did or ☐ did not take an oath. He subscribed the above Articles of Incorporation, and he did freely and voluntarily acknowledged before me according to law that he made and subscribed the same for the uses and purposes therein mentioned and set forth.



(SEAL)

W.E. GUY, JR. (Print Name)
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The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this _____ day of _____, 1998 by **Mark Perry** (PLEASE CHECK ONE OF THE FOLLOWING) ☐ who is personally known to me or ☐ who has produced _____ (TYPE OF IDENTIFICATION) as identification and who (PLEASE CHECK ONE OF THE FOLLOWING) ☐ did or ☐ did not take an oath. He subscribed the above Articles of Incorporation, and he did freely and voluntarily acknowledged before me according to law that he made and subscribed the same for the uses and purposes therein mentioned and set forth.

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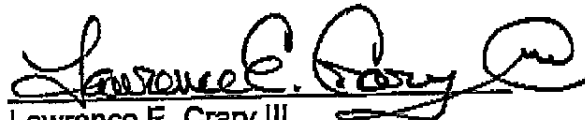
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ACKNOWLEDGMENT AND ACCEPTANCE OF REGISTERED AGENT

Having been named to accept service of process for the above-stated Corporation, at 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 place.


Lawrence E. Crary III

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