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SUBJECT:	OCACA DEFE (Proposed corporate	e name - must include suffix)	SECULLAHASS
Enclosed is an original and one(1) copy of the articles of incorporation and a check for:			
\$70.00 Filing Fee	\$78.75 Filing Fee & Certificate of Status	□\$78.75 Filing Fee & Certified Copy	Filing Fee, (1) Certified Copy & Certificate
		ADDITIONAL CO	PY REQUIRED
FROM: ARTAY S. SUTTON Name (Printed or typed)			
406 N. JOHNSON ST., BOX 2545			
City, State & Zip			

NOTE: Please provide the original and one copy of the articles.

(352) 481-33/3

Daytime Telephone number

## Articles of Incorporation

The undersigned incorporator, for the purpose of forming a corporation under the Florida Not for Profit Corporation Act, hereby adopt(s) the following Articles of Incorporation:

#### **ARTICLE I: NAME**

The name of the corporation shall be The Ocala Defense Fund, Inc.

#### **ARTICLE II: PRINCIPAL OFFICE**

The principal place of business and mailing address of this corporation shall be:
The Ocala Defense Fund, Inc.

406 N. Johnson St, Box 2545 Hawthorne, FL 32640

#### ARTICLE III: EFFECTIVE DATE

The organization is formed as a corporation May 1, 1999 and is perpetua

#### **ARTICLE IV: PURPOSE**

The specific purposes for which the corporation is organized are:

(a) To advance the natural and legal rights of all persons to peacefully assemble on public lands;(b) To promote and encourage citizen access to public lands with responsible stewardship for the purposes of ecological education;

(c) To secure civil liberties of participants in free assemblies on public lands;

(d) To support effective response when such liberties are threatened; and

(e) To solicit, receive, hold, and distribute charitable donations to organizations and individuals that qualify as exempt organizations under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

#### ARTICLE V: MANNER OF ELECTION OF DIRECTORS

The manner in which the initial directors are elected or appointed is consensus minus one of the coordinators of the Ocala Defense Fund, A Voluntary Association. Potential directors must be first nominated by an existing director, then elected by consensus minus one of the Board of Directors as a whole.

#### ARTICLE VI: ACTIVITES NOT FOR PROFIT

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 IV 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 or in opposition to 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, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or (b) by a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

#### **ARTICLE VII: DISPOSITION OF REMAINDERS**

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 the 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 a Court of Competent Jurisdiction 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.

### **ARTICLE VIII: INITIAL REGISTERED AGENT AND STREET ADDRESS**

The name and Florida street address of the initial registered agent are:
Arjay Sutton
406 N. Johnson St., Box 2545
Hawthorne, FL 32640

#### ARTICLE IX: INCORPORATOR

The name and address of the Incorporator to these Articles of Incorporation are:

Arjay Sutton

406 N. Johnson St., Box 2545 Hawthorne, FL 32640

Arjay S. Sutton, Incorporator

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:

Arjay S. Sutton, Registered Agent