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**ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION**  
**OF**  
**THE FLORIDA COALITION OF COASTAL COMMUNITIES, INC.**  
**A Florida Not-For-Profit Corporation**

In compliance with Chapter 617, Florida Statutes, the undersigned, all of who are residents of the state of Florida and all of who are of full age, have this day voluntarily associated themselves together for the purpose of forming a corporation not for profit and do hereby certify:

**ARTICLE I**  
**Name of Corporation**

The name of the corporation is **THE FLORIDA COALITION OF COASTAL COMMUNITIES, INC.**

**ARTICLE II**  
**Principal Office**

The principal office of the organization is located at 310 East College Avenue, Tallahassee, Florida 32301.

**ARTICLE III**  
**Registered Agent and Registered Office**

The street address of the registered office of this corporation in the state of Florida is 310 East College, Tallahassee, Florida. The Board of Directors may from time to time move the registered office to another address in Florida. The initial registered agent of this corporation is M. Lane Stephens whose address is 310 East College Avenue, Tallahassee, Florida 32301.

## **ARTICLE IV**

### **Purpose**

This corporation does not contemplate pecuniary gain or profit to its members, and is organized exclusively for purpose of assisting coastal Florida counties in developing and advocating public policy positions that will advance the economic opportunities for the residents of those counties. Consistent with that purpose, the corporation shall:

1. Recruit and retain Florida counties as members of the corporation;
2. Raise funds, through dues, assessments and other revenue programs to implement the purposes of the corporation;
3. Hire one or more persons to advocate the corporation's policies before the Florida Legislature and the executive agencies in Florida that are responsible for implementing laws that improve the health, safety, and economic welfare of the residents of those Florida counties; and,
4. Undertake any other activities that are consistent with the corporation's purpose and the corporation's tax-exempt status.

## **ARTICLE V**

### **Powers**

This corporation shall have the following powers:

1. The corporation shall have the power to do all lawful acts which are, in the opinion of the Board of Directors of the Corporation, necessary or desirable to carry out the purposes and accomplish the objectives of the corporation, and which are consistent with the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended. The corporation shall have all powers granted to corporations not for profit under Chapter 617, Florida Statutes, whether or not specified herein or in the By-laws.

2. The corporation shall remain a corporation not for profit. No dividends shall be paid by the corporation, and no part of the net earnings of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distribute to, its directors or 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 distribution in furtherance of the exempt purposes set forth in these Articles.

3. 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 under Section 501 (c) (6) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (or the corresponding provisions of any future United States Internal Revenue Law), or (b) by a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under Section 170 (c) (2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (or the corresponding provisions of any future United States Internal Revenue Law).

## **ARTICLE VI**

### **Operating Restrictions**

If the corporation is at any time deemed to be a private foundation, it shall be subject to the following rules: The corporation shall distribute its income for each tax 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, as amended. The corporation shall not engage in any act of self-dealing as defined in Section 4941 (d) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended. The corporation shall not retain any excess business holdings as defined in Section 4943 (c) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended. The corporation shall not make any investments in such a manner as to subject it to tax under Section 4944 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as

amended. The corporation shall not make any taxable expenditures as defined in Section 494 (d) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended.

## **ARTICLE VII Membership**

Regular membership shall be open to all Florida counties any portion of which is located on part of the state's shoreline, and who support the purposes of the corporation. Associate membership shall be open to all other Florida counties who support the purposes of the corporation.

## **ARTICLE VIII Board of Directors**

The affairs of the corporation shall be managed by a Board of not less than three (3) Directors. After service of the initial members of the Board of Directors, each regular member shall be entitled to designate one of its elected county commissioners to serve as a member of the board of directors.

The initial members of the Board of Directors shall consist of the Incorporators designated herein, who shall serve until the first meeting of the members. At the first meeting of the members, the term of each initial Director shall end upon the designation of a Director by each regular member as of that date. Each regular member as of October 1<sup>st</sup> of every calendar year thereafter shall have the right to designate a Director. Any vacancy on the Board shall be filled by majority vote of the county commissioners of the county from which the vacancy arose.

**ARTICLE IX**  
**Officers**

The officers of this corporation shall be elected or appointed by the Board of Directors to serve for one-year terms. There shall be a President, a Vice President, a Secretary, and a Treasurer, each of whom shall be a member of the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors may from time to time elect or appoint additional officers who shall also be members of the Board of Directors.

**ARTICLE X**  
**Duration**

This corporation shall exist perpetually, unless dissolved by law.

**ARTICLE XI**  
**Dissolution**

Upon dissolution of the corporation, any assets remaining after the satisfaction of all corporate liabilities shall be conveyed to (1) such organization or organizations as shall be selected by the affirmative vote of a majority of the Directors, provided, however, that such organization or organizations must be recognized as exempt from federal income taxation under Sections 501 (c) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, or corresponding sections of any prior or future law; or (2) to the federal, state, or local government for exclusive public purposes.

**ARTICLE XII**  
**Incorporators**

The incorporators of this corporation are:

Name:

Address:

Carol Atkinson

Post Office Box 59462  
Panama City, FL. 32412

M. Lane Stephens

310 East College Avenue  
Tallahassee, FL. 32301

Fred R. Dudley

310 East College Avenue  
Tallahassee, FL 32301

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, for the purposes of forming this corporation under the laws of the state of Florida, the undersigned incorporators THE COALITION OF COASTAL COMMUNITIES, INC., have executed these Articles of Incorporation this 26<sup>th</sup> day of July, 1999.

Reviewed:

W.S. R.  
Burke & Blue, P.A.  
Attorneys for Bay County

Carol Atkinson  
Carol Atkinson, Incorporator

M. Lane Stephens  
M. Lane Stephens, Incorporator

Fred R. Dudley  
Fred R. Dudley, Incorporator

State of Florida

County of Bay

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, personally appeared CAROL ATKINSON, who is personally known to me or produced \_\_\_\_\_ as identification, and who did/did not take an oath, and who acknowledged before me that he/she executed the foregoing Articles of Incorporation voluntarily and for the purposes therein expressed.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 13<sup>th</sup> day of July 1999.

M. Joy Bates  
Notary Public

My Commission Expires:

10-21-99

(Notary Seal)



M. JOY BATES  
NOTARY PUBLIC - STATE OF FLORIDA  
COMM. EXPIRES OCT. 21, 1999  
COMMISSION NO. CC 497199

State of Florida

County of Leon

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, personally appeared M. LANE STEPHENS, who is personally known to me or produced \_\_\_\_\_ as identification, and who did/did not take an oath, and who acknowledged before me that he executed the foregoing Articles of Incorporation voluntarily and for the purposes therein expressed.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 26<sup>th</sup> day of July 1999.

Lynn C. Bearden  
Notary Public

My Commission Expires:

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State of Florida

County of Leon

(Notary Seal)



Lynn C. Bearden  
MY COMMISSION # CC687681 EXPIRES  
February 10, 2002  
BONDED THRU TROY FAIR INSURANCE, INC.

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, personally appeared FRED R. DUDLEY, who is personally known to me or produced \_\_\_\_\_ as identification, and who did/did not take an oath, and who acknowledged before me that he executed the foregoing Articles of Incorporation voluntarily and for the purposes therein expressed.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 26<sup>th</sup> day of July 1999.

Lynn C. Bearden  
Notary Public

My Commission Expires:

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(Notary Seal)



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### ACCEPTANCE OF REGISTERED AGENT

M. LANE STEPHENS, having been named as the registered agent in the foregoing Articles of Incorporation of THE COALITION OF COASTAL COMMUNITIES, INC. to accept service of process for the corporation at 310 East College Avenue, Tallahassee, Florida 32301, hereby agrees to act as the registered agent and comply with the laws of the state of Florida relative to such position.

DATED this 26<sup>th</sup> day of July 1999.

M Lane Stephens  
M. Lane Stephens

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