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SUBJECT: Friends of Gainesville Mounted Patrol Inc  
(Proposed corporate name - must include suffix)

Enclosed is an original and one(1) copy of the articles of incorporation and a check for :

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FROM:

Barbara Thomas

Name (Printed or typed)

3026 West SR 235

Address

Barbara Thomas GAVE

AUTHORIZATION BY PHONE TO

CORRECT made correction per

DATE 9/30

DOC. EXAM SKT

Brook, FL 32622

City, State & Zip

(352) 337-6256

Daytime Telephone number

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TALLAHASSEE FLORIDA

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## **ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION**

Articles of Incorporation of, FRIENDS OF THE GAINESVILLE MOUNTED PATROL, INC. a Florida Not For Profit Corporation

The undersigned persons, acting as incorporators of a corporation not for profit under the Florida Not For Profit Statutes, as set forth in Chapter 617 of the Florida Statutes, adopt the following Articles of Incorporation for the corporation:

### **Article I**

The name of the corporation is FRIENDS OF THE GAINESVILLE MOUNTED PATROL, INC.

3026 West SR 235  
Brooker, FL 32622

### **Article II**

The corporation shall have perpetual duration.

### **Article III**

The purposes for which this corporation is formed are as follows:

1. For the advancement of equine education, research and training and any other related or corresponding educational or charitable purpose by the distribution of its funds for such purposes.
2. To operate exclusively in any other manner for educational or charitable purpose as will qualify it as an exempt organization under Section 501©3 of the I.R.S., or amended, or under any corresponding provision of any subsequent federal tax law covering the distributions to organizations qualified as tax exempt.

This corporation shall not, as a substantial part of its activities, carry on propaganda or otherwise attempt to influence legislation; nor shall it participate or intervene (by publication or distribution of any statements or otherwise) in any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office.

### **Article IV**

The corporation shall have a membership distinct from the board of directors. The authorized number and qualifications of the members of the corporation, the manner of their admission, the different classes of membership, if any, the property, voting, and other rights and privileges of members, and their liability for dues and assessments and the method of collecting dues and assessments shall be as regulated in the bylaws.

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## **Article V**

The street address of the initial registered office of the corporation is 3026 West SR 235, City of Brooker, County of Alachua, State of Florida. The name of its initial registered agent at that address is Barbara Lee Thomas.

## **Article VI**

The powers of this corporation shall be exercised, its property controlled, and its affairs conducted by a board of directors. The number of directors of the corporation shall be three; provided, however, that that number may be changed by a bylaw duly adopted pursuant to the bylaws of this corporation.

The directors named here as the first board of directors shall hold office until the first annual meeting of members, at which time an election of directors shall be held.

Directors elected at the first annual meeting, and at all subsequent times, shall serve for a term of two years until the third annual meeting of members following the election of directors and until the qualification of the successors in office. Annual meetings shall be held at such places and times as specified in the by-laws.

Any action required or permitted to be taken by the board of directors under any provision of law may be taken without a meeting, if all the members of the board individually or collectively consent in writing to the action. Written consent or consents shall be filed with the minutes of the proceedings of the board, and any action by written consent shall have the same force and effect as if taken by unanimous vote of the directors. Any certificate or other document filed under any provision of law that relates to action taken in this manner shall state that the action was taken by unanimous written consent of the board of directors without a meeting and that the articles of incorporation and bylaws of this corporation authorize the directors to act in this manner. This statement shall be prima facie evidence of the directors' authority.

The names and residential addresses of the persons who are to serve as the initial directors are:

NAME	RESIDENTIAL ADDRESS
Barbara Thomas	3026 West SR 235 Brooker, FL 32622
Susan Dotson	Rt. 2 Box 484 Lake Butler, FL 32054
Becky Capeloto	5333 NW 45 Lane Gainesville, FL 32606

### ***Article VII***

The name and address of each incorporator are:

NAME	ADDRESS
Barbara Thomas	3026 West SR 235 Brooker, FL 32622
Susan Dotson	Rt. 2 Box 484 Lake Butler, FL 32054
Becky Capeloto	5333 NW 45 Lane Gainesville, FL 32606

### ***Article VIII***

The board of directors shall elect the following officers: president, vice president and treasurer, and any other officers which the bylaws of this corporation authorized the directors to elect. Initially, officers shall be elected at the first annual meeting of the board of directors. Until that election is held, the following persons shall serve as corporate officers: Barbara Thomas, President, 3026 West SR 235, Brooker, FL 32622, Susan Dotson, Vice President, Rt. 2 Box 484, Lake Butler, FL 32054 and Becky Capeloto, Treasurer, 5333 NW 45 Lane, Gainesville, FL 32606.

### ***Article IX***

Subject to the limitations contained in the bylaws and any limitations set forth in the Not For Profit Corporation Act of Florida described above, concerning corporate action that must be authorized or approved by the members of the corporation, the bylaws of this corporation may be made, altered, rescinded, added to, or new bylaws may be adopted, either by a resolution of the board of directors or by following the procedure set forth in the bylaws.

### ***Article X***

The property of this corporation is irrevocably dedicated to charitable purposes and no part of the net income or assets of this corporation shall ever inure to the benefit of any director, officer, or member, or to the benefit of any private individual.

#### **Article XI**

On the dissolution or winding up of this corporation, its assets remaining after payment, or provision for payment, of all debts and liabilities of the corporation, shall be distributed to a not for profit fund, foundation, or corporation which is organized and operated exclusively for charitable purposes and which has established its tax exempt status under Section 501 ©(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, or corresponding provision of any subsequent federal tax laws.

#### **Article XII**

Amendments to theses articles of incorporation may be proposed by a resolution adopted by the board of directors and presented to a quorum of members for their vote. Amendments may be adopted by a vote two thirds of a quorum of members of the corporation.

We, the undersigned, being the incorporators of this corporation, for the purposed of forming this not for profit charitable corporation under the Laws of Florida, have executed these articles of incorporation on September 17<sup>th</sup>, 1999.

Brian L. Shuman  
Don D.  
Becky Capeloto

*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.*

Brian L. Shuman  
Signature/Registered Agent

9/17/99  
Date