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## ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION FOR

CCRETARY OF STATE DIVISION OF CORPORATIONS

## SOUTH FLORIDA YOUTH EXPLORERS, INC. (A Not-For-Profit Corporation)

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WE, the undersigned, with other persons being desirous of forming a corporation for nonprofit purposes under the provisions of Chapter 617 of the Florida Statutes, do agree and submit the following as and for our Articles of Incorporation:

## ARTICLE I - NAME AND PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS

The name of this corporation shall be SOUTH FLORIDA YOUTH EXPLORERS, INC. The principal place of business of the corporation shall be located at: 3601 W. Commercial Blvd., Suite 35, 8th Street, Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33309

### ARTICLE II – PURPOSES

The general nature of the objects and purposes of this corporation are exclusively religious, charitable, and educational within the meaning of Section 501 ©(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 or the corresponding provision of any future U.S. Internal Revenue laws. The specific purposes of this corporation are to provide activities and opportunities for minority youth to experience and appreciate nature and the environment; learn survival skills; address environmental; and to conduct any other business deemed legal and lawful in these United States and the State of Florida.

## ARTICLE III – TERM OF EXISTENCE

This corporation shall have perpetual existence unless dissolved sooner by resolution or operation of law.

## ARTICLE IV – MEMBERSHIP

Membership in this corporation shall be reserved to those persons who subscribe to these Articles and all others who may be approved for membership in accordance with the bylaws of the corporation.

## ARTICLE V - SUBSCRIBERS

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

Sylvester Davis 264 NW 101 Ave. Plantation, FL 33324 Kenny M. Davis 7160 NW 47th Place Lauderhill, FL 33319

**David Saunders** 2539 Carambola Circle, N. Coconut Creek, FL 33066

#### ARTICLE V - BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The affairs of the corporation shall be managed by a Board of Directors, consisting of not less than three (3) and never more than seven (7) directors. The Directors shall be members of the corporation and elected and hold office in accordance with the Bylaws of the corporation. The names and addresses of the persons who are to serve as Directors initially, or until the first annual meeting of the corporation are:

Sylvester Davis 264 NW 101 Ave. Plantation, FL 33324 Kenny M. Davis 7160 NW 47<sup>th</sup> Place Lauderhill, FL 33319

David Saunders 2539 Carambola Circle, N. Coconut Creek, FL 33066

#### ARTICLE VI - OFFICERS

The officers of the corporation shall be: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and any other officers which may be elected from time to time to carry out the business of the corporation. The following persons shall serve as officers initially until the first annual meeting or the corporation or until their successors are duly elected:

Sylvester Davis...... President
David Saunders......Vice President
Kenny M. Davis ......Secretary-Treasurer

## ARTICLE VII – BY-LAWS

The by-laws of the corporation shall be made, altered, and rescinded by a majority vote of the members at a regular or special meeting of the corporation, subject to all notice and quorum requirements.

#### ARTICLE VIII - NON-PROFIT STATUS

No part of the earnings of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributed 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 of the corporation. No 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 any political campaigns on behalf of any candidates for public offices.

Upon dissolution of the organization, its assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of Section 501 © (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, or corresponding sections of any future federal tax code, or shall be distributed for public purposes. Any assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by a court of competent jurisdiction, in the county in which the principal office of the corporation is then located, exclusively for such purposes.

#### ARTICLE IX - POWERS

To the end that the foregoing purposes and any other related religious, charitable, and educational purposes may be carried out, performed and accomplished, this corporation shall have those powers afforded not-for-profit corporations by the applicable laws of the State of Florida and those powers exclusively expressed in the By-laws of the corporation.

### ARTICLE X - AMENDMENTS

These Articles may be amended, altered, or rescinded by a majority vote of the members present at a regular or special meeting of the corporation, provided all notice and quorum requirements are met.

### ARTICLE XI - REGISTERED AGENT AND ACCEPTANCE

FIRST, having been organized as a Not-for-Profit Florida Corporation, <u>SOUTH FLORIDA YOUTH EXPLORERS</u>, <u>INC.</u> hereby designates <u>Kenny M. Davis</u> as its Registered Agent to accept process of service on its behalf at its place of business located at: 3601 W. Commercial Blvd., Suite 35, Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33309.

ACCEPTANCE: "Having been advised of the duties of a Registered Agent and having been designated same by the above-named corporation, I hereby accept to act in this capacity on this 5<sup>ru</sup> day of Magett, 1998.

REGISTERED AGENT

WHEREFORE, We, the undersigned, do set our hands and seals to these Articles of Incorporation on this 5<sup>71</sup> day of March, 1998 at Fort Lauderdale, Broward County, Florida.

David Saunders

Kenny M. Davis

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STATE OF FLORIDA )
COUNTY OF BROWARD )

BEFORE ME, the undersigned Notary Public, did personally appear SYLVESTER DAVIS, DAVID SAUNDERS, and KENNY M. DAVIS, who after being duly sworn and deposed, says that "they are the persons mentioned in the foregoing Articles; that these Articles are being submitted for the purposes intended; and that they are over age 18 and competent to contract." Done before me on this 5<sup>m</sup> day of MacH, 1998 at Fort Lauderdale, Broward County, Florida, and in attestation thereof I set my hand and seal accordingly.

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USED FOR IDENTIFICATION

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CHRISTINE M. NYHOLM
MY COMMISSION # CC 396206
EXPIRES: July 28, 1998
Bonded Thru Notary Public Underwriters