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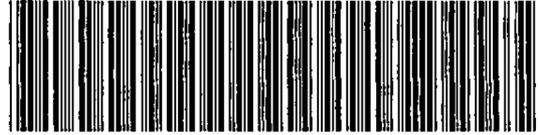
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Department of State
Division of Corporations
P. O. Box 6327
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SUBJECT: Howard T. Odum Florida Springs Institute, Inc.
(PROPOSED CORPORATE NAME - MUST INCLUDE SUFFIX)

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

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\$78.75
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\$87.50
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ADDITIONAL COPY REQUIRED

FROM: Robert L. Knight
Name (Printed or typed)

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Address

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City, State & Zip

[REDACTED]
Daytime Telephone number

bknight@floridaspringsinstitute.org
E-mail address: (to be used for future annual report notification)

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

ARTICLES of INCORPORATION

HOWARD T. ODUM FLORIDA SPRINGS INSTITUTE, INC.

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The undersigned, a majority of whom are citizens of the United States, desiring to form a Non-Profit Corporation under the Non-Profit Corporation Law of Florida, do hereby certify:

First: The name of the Corporation shall be Howard T. Odum Florida Springs Institute, Inc.

Second: The place in this state where the principal office of the Corporation is to be located is 5302 NW 156th Ave., Gainesville, Florida 32653.

Third: Said corporation is organized exclusively for charitable, educational and scientific purposes, including, for such purposes, the making of distributions to organizations 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.

The mission of said corporation is to provide a focal point for improving the understanding of springs ecology and to foster the development of science-based education and management actions needed to restore and protect springs throughout Florida.

An important goal of the Corporation is to develop a quantitative and scientifically-defensible baseline of ecological data for springs that documents their existing environmental conditions and trends over time. The Florida Springs Institute works closely with complimentary springs research efforts such as the Florida Springs Initiative, the Florida Geological Survey, the Florida Park Service, the U.S. Geological Survey, the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the various Florida water management districts, university researchers, and concerned non-governmental organizations to share information and to advance the science of springs ecology.

A second important goal of the Corporation is to disseminate current best available knowledge and information about the ecology and environmental condition of Florida's springs to the public and their leaders and to recommend management actions needed to reverse adverse changes occurring in many springs in the state.

A third important goal of the Corporation is to promote economic development throughout the springs heartland of north and central Florida that is compatible with healthy springs and that directly and indirectly supports wise land use practices to reduce pollution affecting springs and to maintain historic spring flows that support healthy spring, plant, and animal communities.

A fourth goal of the Corporation is to increase the public's awareness of the threats to springs and the need to fund basic springs science commensurate with the documented importance of healthy springs to maintaining Florida's economic health.

Fourth: The Board of Directors consists of three members- a Director, a Vice President, and a Secretary. Each member shall hold office until his/her successor shall have been elected by the other Board

members and qualified. A vacancy in any office because of death, resignation, disqualification or otherwise may be filled by the Board of Directors until a successor has been elected. The names and addresses of the persons who are initial Board members are as follows:

Robert L. Knight, PhD, Director	Pat Harden, Vice President	Natalie Lyons, Secretary
[REDACTED]		
[REDACTED]		

Fifth: 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 Third hereof. No substantial part of the activities of the corporation shall be in the carrying on of propoganda, 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.

Sixth: Upon 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 of organizations, as said Court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.

Having been named as registered agent to accept service of process for the above stated corporation at the place designated in this certificate, I am familiar with and accept the appointment as registered agent and agree to act in this capacity.

Robert L. Knight

Robert L. Knight

Required Signature of Registered Agent

Dec 17, 2012

Date

I submit this document and affirm that the facts stated herein are true. I am aware that any false information submitted to the Department of State constitutes a third degree felony as provided for in s.817.155,F.S.

Emma Knight



Required Signature of Incorporator



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