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## ARTICLES OF AMENDMENT

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### ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

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CALUSA LAND TRUST AND NATURE PRESERVE OF PINE ISLAND, INC.

Pursuant to the provisions of section 617.1006, Florida Statutes, the undersigned Florida nonprofit corporation adopts the following articles of amendment to its articles of incorporation.

FIRST: Amendment(s) adopted: (INDICATE ARTICLE NUMBER(S) BEING AMENDED, ADDED OR DELETED.)

ARTICLE ITT WAS AMENDED AS FOLLOWS:

TREASURER

THE NUMBER OF PERSONS CONSTITUTING THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS SHALL BE ANY NUMBER NOT EXCEPTING FIFTEEN (15) DIRECTORS AS ESTABLISHED BY THE BY-LAWS OF THE CORPORATION.

(SEE FULL LOPY ATTACHED, INCLUDING THIS CHANGE)

SECOND: The date of adoption of the amendment(s) was: <u>JANUARY</u> 25, 1997	
THIRD: Adoption of Amendment (CHECK ONE)	
The amendment(s) was(were) adopted by the members and the number of votes cast for the amendment was sufficient for approval.	
There are no members or members entitled to vote on the amendment. The amendment(s) was(were) adopted by the board of directors.	
CALVSA LAND TRUST AND NATURE PRESERVE OF PINE ISLAND	INC.
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Signature of Chairman, Vice Chairman, President or other officer	-
WILLIAM M. SPIKOUSKI	
Typed or printed name	-

#### ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

#### CALUSA LAND TRUST AND NATURE PRESERVE OF PINE ISLAND, INC.

[NOTE: This document contains the complete Articles of Incorporation of the Calusa Land Trust of Pine Island, Inc., which was originally incorporated on March 12, 1976, as the Calusa Land Trust and Nature Preserve Association, Inc. This document restates the Articles of Incorporation, including the additions and deletions adopted on April 6, 1978 and on January 29, 1990, and also shows additions and deletions approved by the membership on January 25, 1997.]

The undersigned do hereby associate themselves, their successors and assigns together for the purpose of becoming incorporated under the laws of the State of Florida, and forming a corporation not for profit under the following Certificate of Incorporation:

#### ARTICLE I

The name of this corporation is Calusa Land Trust and Nature Preserve of Pine Island, Inc., formerly known as Calusa Land Trust and Nature Preserve Association, Inc.

#### **ARTICLE II**

The purpose for which the corporation is organized is to own and hold real and personal property for the use and benefit of the general public; to perform all other matters and acts authorized pursuant to the laws of the State of Florida for corporations not for profit; to acquire, hold, and manage environmentally sensitive lands, archaeological and historic sites, and other natural lands; to encourage education and research in the fields of conservation and preservation; to establish nature preserves or other protected areas to be used for scientific, educational, aesthetic, or passive recreational purposes; to cooperate with other entities having similar or related objectives; and to engage in any other activity relating to the furtherance of the foregoing objectives.

#### ARTICLE III

The qualification of members of the corporation shall be any person who shall express or confess belief in the principles and purposes for which this corporation has been chartered and approval of such person for membership by the Board of Directors of the corporation, together with the payment of any membership fee or assessment fee as may be established from time to time by the By-Laws of the corporation.

#### **ARTICLE IV**

The term for which the corporation shall exist shall be perpetual.

#### **ARTICLE V**

Any changes to these articles of incorporation must be approved by a majority of those members attending the annual meeting and must not cause any loss of the corporation's status under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law).

#### **ARTICLE VI**

The affairs of the corporation are to be managed by the Board of Directors which shall be elected by the members of the corporation for terms as set forth in the By-Laws.

#### ARTICLE VII

The number of persons constituting the Board of Directors shall be any number not exceeding fifteen (15) eleven (11) directors as established by the By-Laws of the corporation.

#### **ARTICLE VIII**

The directors shall be elected for such terms as are established by the By-Laws of the corporation.

#### **ARTICLE IX**

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 II hereof. No substantial part of the activities of the corporation shall be used for the purpose of carrying on 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 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 of 1954 (or a corresponding provision 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 1954 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law). In the event of dissolution, the residual assets of the organization will be turned over to one or more organizations described in Sections 501(c)(3) and 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 or corresponding sections of any prior or future law, or to the Federal, State or local government for exclusive public purpose.