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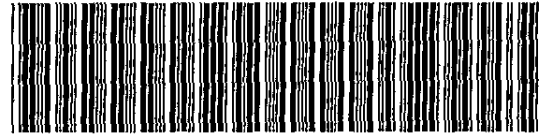
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JOHN P. GREELEY

March 17, 2005

Via Federal Express

Florida Secretary of State
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Re: Big Lake Financial Corporation

Dear Sir/Madam:

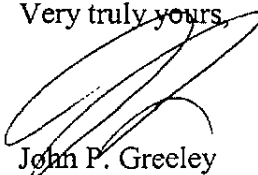
Enclosed are the following documents relating to the above-referenced corporation:

1. Original and two copies of an Amendment to the Articles of Incorporation of Big Lake Financial Corporation.
2. A check in the amount of \$52.50 (\$35.00 for filing fee and \$17.50 for two certified copies of the Articles of Amendment to the Articles of Incorporation).

Please file the enclosed document as soon as possible and return to us a certified copy of the Amendment. If you have any questions regarding the enclosed, please do not hesitate to call me at your convenience.

Thank you for your assistance.

Very truly yours,



John P. Greeley

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Enclosures

Copy to:

Joe G. Mullins
Executive Vice President and Chief Administrative Officer
Big Lake Financial Corporation

**ARTICLES OF AMENDMENT
OF THE
RESTATED ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF
BIG LAKE FINANCIAL CORPORATION
(Pursuant to Section 607.1006 of the
Florida Business Corporation Act)**

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Big Lake Financial Corporation, a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Florida (the "Corporation"), in accordance with the provisions of Section 607.1006 of the Florida Business Corporation Act (the "Act"), does hereby amend its Restated Articles of Incorporation ("Articles") as follows:

ARTICLE IV

Capital Stock

A. Number and Class of Shares Authorized; Par Value.

The Corporation is authorized to issue the following shares of capital stock:

(1) Common Stock. The aggregate number of shares of common stock (referred to in these Restated Articles of Incorporation as "Common Stock") which the Corporation shall have authority to issue is 1,000,000 with a par value of \$0.01 per share.

(2) Preferred Stock. The aggregate number of shares of preferred stock (referred to in these Restated Articles of Incorporation as "Preferred Stock") which the Corporation shall have authority to issue is 500,000 with a par value of \$.01 per share.

B. Description of Preferred Stock.

The terms, preferences, limitations and relative rights of the Preferred Stock are as follows:

(1) Dividends on the outstanding shares of Preferred Stock shall be declared and paid or set apart for payment before any dividends shall be declared and paid or set apart for payment on the outstanding shares of Common Stock with respect to the same quarterly period. Dividends on any shares of Preferred Stock shall be cumulative only if and to the extent determined by resolution of the Board of Directors, as provided below. In the event of any liquidation, dissolution, or winding up of the affairs of the Corporation, whether voluntary or involuntary, the outstanding shares of Preferred Stock shall have preference and priority over the outstanding shares of Common Stock for payment of the amount, if any, to which shares of each outstanding series of Preferred Stock may be entitled in accordance with the terms and rights thereof and each holder of Preferred

Stock shall be entitled to be paid in full such amount, or have a sum sufficient for the payment in full set aside, before any such payments shall be made to the holders of Common stock.

(2) The Board of Directors is expressly authorized at any time and from time to time to provide for the issuance of shares of Preferred Stock in one or more series, with such voting powers, full or limited (including, by way of illustration and not limitation, in excess of one vote per share), or without voting powers, and with such designations, preferences and relative participating, option or other rights, qualifications, limitations or restrictions, as shall be fixed and determined in the resolution or resolutions providing for the issuance thereof adopted by the Board of Directors, and as are not stated and expressed in these Restated Articles of Incorporation or any amendment hereto, including (but without limiting the generality of the foregoing) the following:

(a) The distinctive designation of such series and the number of shares which shall constitute such series, which number may be increased (except where otherwise provided by the Board of Directors in creating such series) or decreased (but not below the number of shares thereof then outstanding) from time to time by resolution of the Board of Directors; and

(b) The rate and manner of payment of dividends payable on shares of such series, including the dividend rate, date of declaration and payment, whether dividends shall be cumulative, and the conditions upon which and the date from which such dividends shall be cumulative; and

(c) Whether shares of such series shall be redeemed, the time or times when, and the price or prices at which, shares of such series shall be redeemable, the redemption price, the terms and conditions of redemption, and the sinking fund provisions, if any, for the purchase or redemption of such shares; and

(d) The amount payable on shares of such series and the rights of holders of such shares in the event of any voluntary or involuntary liquidation, dissolution or winding up of the affairs of the Corporation; and

(e) The rights, if any, of the holders of shares of such series to convert such shares into, or exchange such shares for, shares of Common Stock, other securities, or shares of any other class or series of Preferred Stock and the terms and conditions of such conversion or exchange; and

(f) The voting rights, if any, and whether full or limited, of the shares of such series, which may include no voting rights, one vote per share, or such higher number of votes per share as may be designated by the Board of Directors; and

(g) The preemptive or preferential rights, if any, of the holders of shares of such series to subscribe for, purchase, receive, or otherwise acquire any part of any new

or additional issue of stock of any class, whether now or hereafter authorized, or of any bonds, debentures, notes, or other securities of the Corporation, whether or not convertible into shares of stock of the Corporation.

(3) Except in respect of the relative rights and preferences that may be provided by the Board of Directors as hereinbefore provided, all shares of Preferred Stock shall be identical, and each share of a series shall be identical in all respects with the other shares of the same series. When payment of the consideration for which shares of Preferred Stock are to be issued shall have been received by the Corporation, such shares shall be deemed to be fully paid and nonassessable.

C. Common Stock Voting Rights.

Each record holder of Common Stock shall be entitled to one vote for each share held. Holders of Common Stock shall have no cumulative voting rights in any election of directors of the Corporation.

D. Preemptive Rights.

Holders of Common Stock shall not have as a matter of right any preemptive or preferential right to subscribe for, purchase, receive, or otherwise acquire any part of any new or additional issue of stock of any class, whether now or hereafter authorized, or of any bonds, debentures, notes, or other securities of the Corporation, whether or not convertible into shares of stock of the Corporation.

E. Description of Series A Preferred Stock.

Pursuant to authority granted by Article IV, Section B of the Articles, there is hereby created and the Corporation be, and hereby is, authorized to issue from the 500,000 authorized shares of Preferred Stock, 100,000 shares of preferred stock which shall have, in addition to the terms set forth in the Articles, the following terms, designations, preferences and privileges, relative, participating, optional and other special rights, and qualifications, limitations, and restrictions:

1. Designation. There shall be 100,000 shares of the Preferred Stock of the Corporation hereby constituted as a series of Preferred Stock with a par value of \$0.01 per share designated as Series A Non-Cumulative Perpetual Preferred Stock (hereinafter called the "Series A Preferred Stock").

2. Rank. The Series A Preferred Stock, with respect to dividend rights and rights of liquidation, dissolution or winding up of the Company, ranks senior to the Common Stock and all of the classes and series of equity securities of the Company, other than any classes or series of equity securities of the Company subsequently issued ranking on a parity with, or senior to, the Series A Preferred Stock, as to dividend rights and rights upon liquidation, dissolution or winding up of the Company. The relative rights and preferences of the Series A Preferred Stock may be

subordinated to the relative rights and preferences of holders of subsequent issues of other classes or series of preferred stock and equity securities of the Corporation designated by the Board of Directors. The Series A Preferred Stock is junior to indebtedness issued from time to time by the Corporation, including notes and debentures.

3. Number of Shares in Series. The number of shares of Series A Preferred Stock shall initially be 100,000 shares, which number from time to time may be increased or decreased (but not decreased below the number of shares of the series then outstanding) by the Board of Directors.

4. Voting Rights. Except as provided by law, the holders of the Series A Preferred Stock shall have limited voting rights, and shall be entitled to vote only upon any proposal for a merger or share exchange, in each case to which the Corporation is a party, or a sale by the Corporation of all or substantially all of its assets (a "Change of Control"). On those matters in which the holders of Series A Preferred Stock are entitled to vote, the holders shall have the right to one vote for each year of Series A Preferred Stock, and shall be entitled to receive notice of any shareholder's meeting held to act upon such matters in accordance of the Bylaws of the Corporation, and shall be entitled to vote in such manner as provided by law. The holders of Series A Preferred Stock shall vote together with the holders of Common Stock as a single class, and not as a separate class.

5. Liquidation Preference. In the event of any voluntary or involuntary liquidation, dissolution, or winding up of the affairs of the Corporation, then, before any distribution or payment shall be made to the holders of any junior stock, the holders of Series A Preferred Stock shall be entitled to be paid in full the sum of \$32.79 per share. To the extent such payment shall have been made in full to the holders of the Series A Preferred Stock, all other series of Preferred Stock and any parity stock, the remaining assets and funds of the Corporation shall be distributed among the holders of the junior stock, according to their respective rights and preferences and in each case according to their respective shares. If upon liquidation, dissolution or winding up, the amounts so payable are not paid in full to the holders of all outstanding shares of Series A Preferred Stock, and all other shares on a parity with the Series A Preferred Stock, then the holders of Series A Preferred Stock and all other shares on a parity with the Series A Preferred Stock, share ratably in any distribution of assets in proportion to the full amounts to which they would otherwise be respectively entitled. A Change of Control shall not be deemed to be a liquidation, dissolution or winding up of the Corporation within the meaning of the provisions of this Section 5.

6. Convertibility. The Series A Preferred Stock shall automatically convert into shares of the Corporation's Common Stock, on the basis of one share of Common Stock for each share of Series A Preferred Stock, immediately prior to the closing of a Change of Control; provided, however, that such conversion shall be conditioned upon the closing of any such Change of Control, and the holder entitled to receive the Common Stock upon conversion of the Series A Preferred Stock shall be deemed to have converted such shares of Series A Preferred Stock immediately prior to the closing of such Change of Control. If the shares of Series A Preferred Stock shall be

converted into Common Stock pursuant to this Section 6, the shares which are converted shall be cancelled and shall not be issuable by this Corporation thereafter.

7. Dividend Rights. The holders of shares of Series A Preferred Stock shall be entitled to a preference in the distribution of dividends, when and as declared by the Board of Directors, and shall receive out of any assets of the Corporation legally available therefor such dividends prior to the payment of any dividends to the holders of the Common Stock. The shares of Series A Preferred Stock shall be non-cumulative with respect to dividends, and the Corporation shall have the right to waive the declaration of payment of dividends. Any dividends waived by the Corporation shall not accumulate to future periods and shall not represent a contingent liability of the Corporation.

8. Redemption Rights. The shares of Series A Preferred Stock shall have no redemption rights.

9. Antidilution Adjustments. If the outstanding shares of Common Stock are increased or decreased or changed into or exchanged for a different number or kind of shares or other securities of the Corporation or of any other corporation by reason of any merger, consolidation, liquidation, reclassification, recapitalization, stock split up, combination of shares, or stock dividend, appropriate adjustment shall be made by the Board of Directors of the Corporation in the number, and relative terms, of the shares of Series A Preferred Stock.

10. Definitions. As used herein with respect to the Series A Preferred Stock, the following terms have the following meanings:

(a) The term "parity stock" means all series of Preferred Stock (including but not limited to Series A Preferred Stock) and any other class of stock of the Corporation hereafter authorized ranking on a parity with the Series A Preferred Stock in the payment of dividends or in the distribution of assets on any liquidation, dissolution or winding up of the Corporation.

(b) The term "junior stock" shall mean the Common Stock and any other class of stock of the Corporation hereafter authorized over which Preferred Stock, including without limitation Series A Preferred Stock, has preference or priority in the payment of dividends or in the distribution of assets on any liquidation, dissolution or winding up of the Corporation.

11. Limitations of Rights. Holders of shares of Series A Preferred Stock shall not have any relative, participating, optional or other special rights and powers other than as set forth herein.

F. Reclassification of Common Stock.

Upon the filing of these Articles of Amendment, each share of Common Stock outstanding immediately prior to such filing held by a shareholder who holds fewer than 200 shares of such Common Stock shall, by virtue of the filing of these Articles of Amendment and without any action on the part of the holder thereof, hereafter be reclassified as Series A Preferred Stock, on the basis of one share of Series A Preferred Stock for each share of Common Stock so reclassified, which shares of Series A Preferred Stock shall thereupon be duly issued and outstanding, fully paid and nonassessable. Each share of Common Stock outstanding immediately prior to the filing of these Articles of Amendment held by a shareholder who holds 200 or more shares of Common Stock shall not be reclassified and shall continue in existence as a share of Common Stock.

CERTIFICATE

The undersigned, being the duly elected and incumbent Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer of Big Lake Financial Corporation (the "Corporation"), a corporation organized under the laws of the State of Florida, does hereby certify that the foregoing Articles of Amendment were duly adopted by the Board of Directors on November 17, 2004, and by the holders of a majority of the outstanding shares of Common Stock, being the sole voting group entitled to vote on the amendment, on March 16, 2005 and the number of votes cast for the amendment was sufficient for approval by the holders of Common Stock.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has hereunto affixed his signature this 16th day of March, 2005.

BIG LAKE FINANCIAL CORPORATION

By: 

Edwin E. Walpole, III

As its: Chairman, President and
Chief Executive Officer