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HC FINANCIAL CORP., a Florida corporation (Document #F53021)
HENDRY COUNTY BANK, a Florida corporation (Document #260115)

INTO

FLORIDA COMMUNITY BANK, a Florida corporation, 012311

File date: February 19, 1998, effective February 20, 1998

Corporate Specialist: Louise Flemming-Jackson



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DEPARTMENT OF BANKING AND FINANCE

STATE OF FLORIDA

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ROBERT F. MILLIGAN COMPTROLLER OF FLORIDA

Having given my approval on February 2, 1998, to merge Hendry County Bank, LaBelle, Hendry County, Florida, and Florida Community Bank, Immokalee, Collier County, Florida, and being satisfied that the conditions of my approval have been met, I hereby approve for filing with the Department of State the attached "Agreement and Plan of Merger", which contains the Articles of Incorporation of Florida Community Bank (the resulting bank), so that effective on February 20, 1998, they shall read as stated herein.

Signed on this 13th day of February, 1998.

Comptroller

EFFECTIVE DATE

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ARTICLES AND PLAN OF MERGER

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SECRETARY OF STATE

THESE ARTICLES AND PLAN OF MERGER ("Plan of Merger") are made and entered FLORIDA into as of January 30, 1998, by and among Florida Community Bank ("FCB") 1400 North 15th Street, Immokalee, Florida 34142-2202, HC Financial Corp., ("HCFC") and Hendry County Bank ("HCB") 155 North Bridge Street, LaBelle, Florida 33935, in order to provide for the merger (the "Merger") of HCFC and HCB with and into FCB.

PREAMBLE

FCB is a Florida banking corporation with its principal office in Immokalee, Florida. HCB is a Florida banking corporation with its principal office in LaBelle, Florida. HCB is a wholly owned subsidiary of HCFC, a bank holding company duly organized under the laws of the State of Florida, with its principal office in LaBelle, Florida.

HCFC, HCB and FCB entered into an Agreement and Plan of Merger dated November 14, 1997 (the "Merger Agreement"), providing for all the terms of the Merger of HCFC and HCB with and into FCB.

The Merger Agreement, and this Plan of Merger providing for the Merger pursuant to Section 658.42, *Florida Statutes*, have been approved by a majority of the entire respective Boards of Directors of HCFC, HCB and FCB and these Boards of Directors have authorized their execution and consummation.

In consideration of the premises and of the covenants contained in this Plan of Merger and the Merger Agreement, HCFC, HCB and FCB hereby make, adopt and approve the Plan of Merger and prescribe as follows the terms and conditions of the Merger, along with the method, manner and basis of effecting the Merger:

ARTICLE 1 - THE MERGER

Section 1.1 Resulting Bank. Upon the terms and subject to the conditions hereof, and in accordance with the Florida Statutes and other applicable law, HCFC and HCB shall be merged with and into FCB as soon as practicable following the satisfaction or waiver, if permissible, of the conditions set forth in Section 1.5 and Section 3.3 hereof. Following the Merger, FCB shall continue as the resulting bank (the "Resulting Bank") and under the name "Florida Community Bank" and the separate corporate existence of HCFC and HCB shall cease.

Section 1.2 Effective Time. The Merger shall not be effective unless and until it is approved by a majority of the shareholders of each institution and all applicable federal and state regulatory agencies, and the Boards of Directors of the respective institutions shall not have withdrawn their approvals. The Merger shall be consummated by the issuance of a

certificate of merger executed by the Florida Comptroller pursuant to Section 658.45, Florida Statutes, with an "Effective Time" of 7:00 A.M. Eastern Time on February 20, 1998.

Section 1.3 Effects of the Merger. The Merger shall have the effects set forth in Section 658.45, *Florida Statutes*, and other applicable laws and regulations.

Section 1.4 Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws. The Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws of FCB, in each case as in effect at the Effective Time, shall be the Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws of the Resulting Bank. The Articles of Incorporation of the Resulting Bank are attached hereto as Schedule 1.4.

Section 1.5 Conditions to Consummation of the Merger. The parties hereto agree that the closing of the Merger is expressly conditioned upon (i) the approval of the shareholders of each for HCFC, HCB and FCB, as well as the Department, the FDIC and any other federal or state governmental agency which may be required and (ii) the satisfaction of all the terms and conditions contained in the Merger Agreement.

Section 1.6 Directors and Officers. The following persons shall, at the Effective Time, be the directors and officers of the Resulting Bank and will hold office from the Effective Time until their respective successors are duly elected or appointed and qualified in the manner provided in the Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws of the Resulting Bank, or as otherwise provided by law.

There shall initially be 11 directors of the Resulting Bank. The name, residence address and term of the directors of the Resulting Bank shall be as follows:

Name	Address
B. E. Davidson	P.O. Box 401 LaBelle, Florida 33975
Patrick B. Langford	570 Captain Hendry Drive LaBelle, Florida 33935
L. J. Nobles, Jr.	620 Fort Thompson Avenue LaBelle, Florida 33935
Jon R. Olliff	210 Lake Avenue LeHigh Acres, Florida 33972
James O'Quinn	7301 Hunters Point Immokalee, Florida 34142

Stephen L. Price 6062 State Road 29 South

Immokalee, Florida 34142

Bernard T. Rasmussen 4535 Fort Denaud Road

LeBelle, Florida 33935

R. A. Roberts P.O. Box 5125

Immokalee, Florida 34143

Daniel G. Rosbough Way

Immokalee, Florida 34142

Jack Whisnant 395 North 15th Street

Immokalee, Florida 34142

James E. Williams, Jr. Route 2, Box 18

Immokalee, Florida 34142

Section 1.7 Office Location. The home office of the Resulting Bank shall be 1400 North 15th Street, Immokalee, Florida 34142. A list of the branches of the Resulting Bank hereto is attached as Schedule 1.7.

ARTICLE 2 - CAPITALIZATION OF THE CONTINUING BANK

Section 2.1 Conversion of Shares. At the Effective Time, the common stock of HCFC shall, by operation of law, and without any further action on the part of HCFC, FCB or any other party, no longer represent capital stock of HCFC, and the outstanding certificates representing shares of HCFC's capital stock shall be converted into and represent the right to the Merger Consideration as defined in the Merger Agreement which is attached hereto as Schedule 2.1 and incorporated herein by reference. The capital stock of HCB, by operation of law, and without further action on the part of HCB, FCB or any other party, shall be canceled.

Section 2.2 Common Stock. At the Effective Time, the Resulting Bank shall have authorized capital stock of 3,000,000 shares of common stock, with a par value of \$5.00 per share, and 500,000 shares of Preferred Stock, with a par value of \$0.01 per share. At the Effective Time 1,493,864.638 shares of common stock (\$5.00) par value common stock, will be outstanding and no shares of preferred stock will be outstanding. The Resulting Bank shall have surplus and retained earnings equal to the capital accounts of HCFC and FCB immediately prior to the Effective Time. All such amounts of surplus and retained earnings shall be adjusted for normal earnings and expenses, and for any accounting adjustments relating to the Merger provided for herein.

ARTICLE 3 - GENERAL PROVISIONS

Section 3.1 Trust Powers. The Resulting Bank shall not have trust powers.

Section 3.2 Approval. The Merger was approved by the shareholders of HCFC at the Special Meeting of Shareholders held on December 29, 1997, with 312,466 shares being voted in favor of the Merger, no shares voted against and 2,576 shares abstaining. The Merger was approved by HCFC, the sole Shareholder of HCB, by written action taken by its sole shareholder in lieu of a meeting dated January 20, 1998. The Merger was approved by the shareholders of FCB by written action taken by a majority of its shareholders (709,509.8703 shares or 70.3% outstanding stock being voted in favor of the Merger) in lieu of a meeting dated as of January 9, 1998. All approvals were obtained in accordance with the applicable provisions of law and the Articles of Incorporation, and Bylaws of the respective institutions. HCFC, HCB and FCB received consent and approval of the Merger from the Florida Department of Banking and Finance ("Department") on February 2, 1998, clearance from the United State Justice Department and approval from the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation on February 5, 1998. No other federal or state governmental agency approvals are required to consummate the Merger.

Section 3.3 Closing. Upon the terms and subject to the conditions hereof, including the provisions of Section 1.5 hereof, as soon as practicable after the obtaining of all necessary shareholder and regulatory approvals, and the satisfaction of all conditions and requirements to closing of this Plan of Merger, HCFC, HCB and FCB shall take all actions as may be required by law effect the Merger. Prior to the filing referred to in this Section, a closing will be held as described in the Merger Agreement for the purpose of confirming all of the foregoing.

Section 3.4 Amendment. HCFC, HCB and FCB, by mutual consent of their respective Boards of Directors, to the extent permitted by law, may amend, modify and supplement this Plan of Merger in such manner as may be mutually agreed upon by them in writing.

Section 3.5 Counterparts. This Plan of Merger may be executed in two or more identical counterparts, each of which when executed and delivered by the parties hereto shall be an original, but all of which together shall constitute a single agreement.

Section 3.6 Binding Effect; Governing Law. This Plan of Merger shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the successors and assigns of each party hereto, and shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the Florida Statutes and all other applicable laws and regulations.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, HCFC, HCB and FCB have caused this Plan of Merger to be executed in counterparts by their duly authorized officers as of the date first above written.

ATTEST:

Bernard T. Rasmussen

(Type or Print Name)

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By:

L.J. Noble, Ir

HC FINANCIAL CORP.

Chairman of the Board

ATTEST:

Bernard T. Rasmussen

(Type or Print Name)

HENDRY COUNTY BANK

By:

L.J. Noble, J

Chairman of the Board

FLORIDA COMMUNITY BANK

ATTEST:

Gary R. Haskew

(Type or Print Name)

By:

Stephen L. Price

President and Chief

Executive Officer

SCHEDULE 1.4

ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF FLORIDA COMMUNITY BANK

SCHEDULE 1.7 OFFICE LOCATIONS

Main Office

1400 North 15th Street Immokalee, Florida 34142

Branches

LaBelle Office (formerly Home Office of HCB) 155 North Bridge Street LaBelle, Florida 33935

LeHigh Acres Branch
1261 Homestead North
LeHigh Acres, Florida 33936

Golden Gate Estates 384 Randall Boulevard Naples, Florida 34120

FLORIDA COMMUNITY BANK

ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

Florida Community Bank, a commercial bank organized and existing under the laws of the State of Florida, in accordance with § 607.1007 and § 655.043, Florida Statutes, hereby adopts the following Articles of Incorporation:

Article I

Name and Principal Place of Business

The name of the corporation shall be Florida Community Bank and its initial place of business shall be at 1400 North 15th Street in the unincorporated area of Immokalee, in the County of Collier and State of Florida.

Article II

Nature of Business

The general nature of the business to be transacted by this corporation shall be: That of a general banking business with all rights, powers and privileges granted and conferred by the banking laws of the State of Florida, regulating the organization, powers and management of banking corporations.

Article III

Capital Stock

The authorized capital stock of the corporation shall consist of Three Million (3,000,000) shares (when fully issued) of \$10.00 par value common stock (the "Common Stock") and Five Hundred Thousand (500,000) (when fully issued) shares of \$.01 par value preferred stock (the "Preferred Stock"). No shareholders shall have preemptive rights with respect to any authorized but unissued Common Stock or Preferred Stock.

The designation and the preferences, limitations and relative rights of the Common Stock and the Preferred Stock of the corporation are as follows:

A. <u>Provisions Relating to the Common Stock.</u>

- 1. Except as otherwise required by law or as may be provided by the resolutions of the Board of Directors authorizing the issuance of any class or series of Preferred Stock, as herein below provided, all rights to vote and voting powers shall be vested exclusively in the holders of the Common Stock. Each share of Common Stock will entitle its holder to one vote.
- 2. Subject to the rights of the holders of the Preferred Stock, the holders of the Common Stock shall be entitled to receive when, as and if declared by the Board of Directors, out of funds legally available therefor, dividends payable in cash, stock or otherwise.
- 3. Upon any liquidation, dissolution or winding-up of the corporation, whether voluntary or involuntary, and after the holders of the Preferred Stock shall have been paid in full the amounts to which they shall be entitled (if any) or a sum sufficient for such payment in full shall have been set aside, the remaining net assets of the corporation shall be distributed pro rata to the holders of the Common Stock in accordance with their respective rights and interests.

B. <u>Provisions Relating to the Preferred Stock.</u>

- 1. Except as provided herein, the Preferred Stock may be issued from time to time in one or more classes or series, the shares of each class or series to have such designations and powers, preferences and rights, and qualifications, limitations and restrictions thereof as are stated and expressed herein and in the resolution or resolutions providing for the issue of such class or series adopted by the Board as hereinafter prescribed.
- 2. Except as provided herein, authority is hereby expressly granted to and vested in the Board to authorize the issuance of the Preferred Stock from time to time in one or more classes or series, to determine and take necessary proceedings fully to effect the issuance and redemption of any such Preferred Stock and, with respect to each class or series of the Preferred Stock, to fix and state by the resolution or resolutions from time to time adopted providing for the issuance thereof the following:
 - a. Whether or not the class or series is to have voting rights, full or limited, or is to be without voting rights;
 - b. The number of shares to constitute the class or series and the designations thereof;
 - c. The preferences and relative, participating, optional or other special rights, if any, and the qualifications, limitations or restrictions thereof, if any, with respect to any class or series;

- d. Whether or not the shares of any class or series shall be redeemable and if redeemable the redemption price or prices, and the time or times at which and the terms and conditions upon which such shares shall be redeemable and the manner of redemption;
- e. Whether or not the shares of a class or series shall be subject to the operation of retirement or sinking funds to be applied to the purchase or redemption of such shares for retirement, and if such retirement or sinking fund or funds be established, the annual amount thereof and the terms and provisions relative to the operation thereof,
- f. The dividend rate, whether dividends are payable in cash, stock of the corporation, or other property, the conditions upon which and the times when such dividends are payable, the preference to or the relation to the payment of the dividends payable on any other class or classes or series of stock, whether or not such dividend shall be cumulative or noncumulative, and if cumulative, the date or dates from which such dividends shall accumulate;
- g. The preferences, if any, and the amounts thereof which the holders of any class or series thereof shall be entitled to receive upon the voluntary or involuntary dissolution of, or upon any distribution of the assets of the corporation;
- h. Whether or not the shares of any class or series shall be convertible into, or exchangeable for, the shares of any other class or classes or of any other series of the same or any other class or classes of stock of the corporation and the conversion price or prices or ratio or ratios or the rate or rates at which such conversion or exchange may be made, with such adjustments, if any, as shall be stated and expressed or provided for in such resolution or resolutions; and
- i. Such other special rights and protective provisions with respect to any class or series as the Board may deem advisable.

The shares of each class or series of the Preferred Stock may vary from the shares of any other series thereof in any or all of the foregoing respects. Except as provided herein, the Board may increase the number of shares of the Preferred Stock designated for any existing class or series by a resolution adding to such class or series authorized and unissued shares of the Preferred Stock not designated for any other class or series. Except as provided herein, the Board may decrease the number of shares of the Preferred Stock designated for any existing class or series by a resolution.

subtracting from such series unissued shares of the Preferred Stock, designated for such class or series, and the shares so subtracted shall become authorized, unissued and undesignated shares of the Preferred Stock.

Article IV

Existence

The term for which this corporation shall exist shall be perpetual unless terminated pursuant to the Florida Banking Code.

Article V

Management of the Business

The business and affairs of this corporation shall be managed and conducted by a Board of Directors of not less than five nor more than twenty-five directors who shall be elected annually by the shareholders at their meeting to be held at such time and place as may be fixed in accordance with the bylaws; provided, however, that if authorized by a majority of the shareholders by appropriate action of the shareholders at the next preceding annual meeting, a majority of the full Board of Directors may, at any time during the year following the annual meeting of the shareholders in which such action has been authorized, increase the number of directors within the limits specified above, and appoint persons to fill the resulting vacancies, provided further, that in any one year not more than two such additional directors shall be authorized pursuant to this provision.

The foregoing Articles of Incorporation contain amendments to the existing Articles of Incorporation of the corporation and were recommended to the shareholders in connection with the proposed merger of Tri-County Community Bank of Lehigh Acres, a Florida chartered commercial bank ("Tri-County Bank"), with and into the corporation which required shareholder approval by both banks. These Articles of Incorporation were adopted by unanimous consent of the directors of the corporation on December 14, 1995, and were considered along with the proposed merger at a special meetings of the common shareholders of the corporation and of Tri-County Bank, which shareholders are the only shareholders entitled to vote on the merger, and the number of votes cast for the merger by the common shareholders of each bank was sufficient for approval of the merger and the Articles of Incorporation. Subsequent to approval by the shareholders of both banks, certain amendments were made by the Boards of Directors of the banks to the foregoing Articles of Incorporation pursuant to Florida law and the proxy materials submitted to the respective shareholders.

These Articles of Incorporation shall become effective upon filing with the Florida Secretary of State.

FLORIDA COMMUNITY BANK

CERTIFICATION OF STOCKHOLDERS' VOTE BY WRITTEN CONSENT

The undersigned, as the President and Corporate Secretary of Florida Community Bank, Immokalee, Florida ("FCB") hereby certifies that a majority of the stockholders of FCB approved the Agreement and Plan of Merger dated as of November 14, 1997, by and among HC Financial Corp., its wholly-owned subsidiary Hendry County Bank and FCB (the "Agreement") via "written consent action" in lieu of a Special Meeting of Shareholders as provided by Section 658.44(1)(b), Section 607.0704, Florida Statutes, and Article I, Section 8, of FCB's Amended and Restated Bylaws. The undersigned further certifies that:

- 1. On or about December 12, 1997, a "Notice of Proposed Written Consent Action by the Stockholders of Florida Community Bank was mailed to the stockholders of record as of December 1, 1997 (the "Record Dated");
- 2. The period for stockholders to take action on the Agreement which approved the simultaneous Merger (as defined in the Agreement) of HC Financial Corp., and Hendry County Bank with and into FCB was December 10, 1997 through January 10, 1998 (unless extended by FCB for an additional period, no later than February 10, 1998);
- 3. As of the Record Date FCB had 1,009,578.638 shares of common stock outstanding which were entitled to vote on the Merger, of which 504,790.319 represented a majority of the outstanding shares; and
- 4. The following is a record of the vote that was cast by the stockholders via written consent action:

FOR	AGAINST	ABSTAIN
<u>709,509.8703</u>	0	0

IN WITNESS THEREOF, the undersigned executed and acknowledged this Certificate this 17th day of February, 1998.

Stephen L. Price, President and Corporate Secretary

STATE OF FLORIDA) SS COUNTY OF COLLIER)

On the 17th day of February, 1998, before me personally appeared Stephen L. Price, who is personally known to me and who executed the above Certificate and acknowledged to me that the same was duly executed.

CYNTHIA M LINDSAY
My Commission CC452574
Expires Apr. 12, 1999
Bonded by HAI
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My Commiscion CC452574
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Name Typed on Finted 422-1555 CYNTHIA M. LINDSAY

Commission Number: <u>CC 45257</u>4

HC FINANCIAL CORP. SHAREHOLDER'S WRITTEN CONSENT TO ACTION

Pursuant to Section 607.0704, *Florida Statutes*, the undersigned HC Financial Corp., ("HCFC") being the sole shareholder of the Hendry County Bank ("HCB"), hereby consents to and approves the adoption of the following resolution in lieu of a meeting of shareholders:

RESOLVED, that HCFC, as the sole shareholder of HCB, hereby approves the Agreement and Plan of Merger dated as of November 14, 1997, under the terms of which HCFC and HCB will be merged with and into Florida Community Bank, with Florida Community Bank being the surviving corporation in the Merger.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned duly authorized officer of the HCFC has executed this written consent to action this 20th day of January 1998.

HC FINANCIAL CORP.

By:

L. J. Nobles, Jr.

Chairman of the Board

Attest:

Bernard T. Rasmussen

Corporate Secretary

CERTIFICATE AND REPORT OF INSPECTOR OF ELECTION FOR HC FINANCIAL CORP. SPECIAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS

December 29, 1997

The undersigned duly appointed Inspector of Election of the Special Meeting of Shareholders of HC Financial Corp.. ("HCFC") does hereby certify that:

- 1. A Special Meeting of Shareholders of HCFC ("Special Meeting") was held at HCFC's main office, 155 North Bridge Street, LaBelle, Florida on December 29, 1997 at 7:30 p.m., Local Time.
- 2. There were 387,429 votes entitled to be cast at the Special Meeting, of which 193,715 represents the required majority vote to approve the Merger.
- 3. The undersigned inspected the signed proxies and ballots used at the Special Meeting and found the same to be in proper form. The following is a record of the votes cast as to the propositions, presented:

Proposal I. To consider and vote upon the proposed merger of HCFC and Hendry County Bank with and into Florida Community Bank ("FCB") (the "Merger"), in accordance with an Agreement and Plan of Merger, dated as of November 14, 1997, by and among HCFC, Hendry County Bank and FCB (the "Agreement"). FCB will be the surviving corporation in the Merger. Each share of common stock of HCFC outstanding at the time of the Merger will be converted into the right to receive 1.25 shares of FCB common stock, with cash paid in lieu of fractional shares at the book value of FCB Common Stock as of the date of the Closing.

FOR	AGAINST	ABSTAIN
312,466	0	2,576

Accordingly, Proposal I has received a favorable vote of the required majority vote of the eligible outstanding shares to be cast at the Special Meeting and is hereby duly adopted by the shareholders of HCFC.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned executed and acknowledged this Certificate on the 29th day of December, 1997.

on the 29th day of December, 1997.	
	Inspector of Election Qualcy Runbott
	Judy Reinbott
	Print or type name
STATE OF FLORIDA)) SS	
COUNTY OF HENDRY)	
On the 29th day of December, 1997, personally known to me and who executed t same was duly executed.	before me personally appeared Judy Reinbott, who is the above Certificate and acknowledged to me that the Notary Public
	Angela B. Sealey Name Typed or Printed Commission Number:
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