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TO:

Ms. Diane Cushing, Department of State

Division of Corporations

FROM:

Jason M. Guevara, Financial Administrator, Division of Financial Institutions

RE:

Perry Banking Company, Inc., Merger of Perry Successor Bank with and

into Citizens State Bank, and Merger of Citizens State Bank with and into

Vystar Credit Union

Please file the attached articles for the above-reference entities to be filed in the following order:

- Restated Articles of Incorporation of Perry Banking Company, Inc (effective 7:58 pm, Eastern Time on Friday, August 2, 2019);
- Articles of Merger of Perry Successor Bank with and into Citizens State Bank (effective 7:59 pm, Eastern Time on Friday, August 2, 2019); and
- Articles of Merger of Citizens State Bank with and into Vystar Credit Union (effective 8:00 pm, Eastern Time on Friday, August 2, 2019);

Please make the following distribution of copies:

(1) One certified copy to:

Jason Guevara

Office of Financial Regulation

Licensing & Chartering 200 East Gaines Street Tallahassee, FL 32399

(2) One certified copy to:

Mr. John P. Greeley

Smith Mackinnon, PA

Suite 1200 Citrus Center

255 South Orange Avenue

Orlando, FL 32801

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Also attached is a check that represents payment of the filing fees and certified copies. If you have any questions, please call (850) 410-9513.

SMITH MACKINNON, PA

ATTORNEYS AT LAW

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JOHN P. GREELEY

July 29, 2019

Via Federal Express

Jason M. Guevara, Financial Administrator Division of Financial Institutions Florida Office of Financial Regulation 200 East Gaines Street Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0371

Re:

Citizens State Bank

Perry, Florida

Dear Jason:

Enclosed is an original and two copies of each of the following documents:

- 1. Restated Articles of Incorporation for Perry Banking Company, Inc. ("Perry");
- 2. Articles of Merger between Perry and Citizens State Bank ("Citizens State"); and
- 3. Articles of Merger between Citizens State and VyStar Credit Union ("VyStar").

Please note that the Restated Articles convert Perry to a successor institution. The Articles of Merger for Perry and Citizens State are for the merger of Perry with and into Citizens State. Finally, the Articles of Merger between Citizens State and VyStar are for the merger of Citizens State with and into VyStar.

I have also enclosed a check in the amount of \$227.50 payable to the Florida Secretary of State representing the following filing fees:

- 1. Restated Articles of Incorporation \$35.00 filing fee and \$17.50 for two certified copies;
- 2. Articles of Merger between Perry and Citizens State \$70.00 filing fee and \$17.50 for two certified copies; and
- 3. Articles of Merger between Citizens State and VyStar \$70.00 filing fee and \$17.50 for two certified copies.

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Jason M. Guevara Florida Office of Financial Regulation July 29, 2019 Page 2

With regard to the two certified copies of each of the three foregoing documents, one set is for your files, and one set should be mailed to me.

Please do not file the documents with the Florida Secretary of State until I call you the morning of Thursday, August 1, 2019. At that time, we anticipate that we will have the final approval of the merger transaction from NCUA.

As you review the foregoing and the attached materials, please let me know if you have any questions or comments. As always, we very much appreciate your assistance.

Very truly yours,

JPG:br Enclosures

Copy to: Gilbert A. Levy

President and Chief Executive Officer

Citizens State Bank

ARTICLES OF MERGER OF PERRY SUCCESSOR BANK INTO CITIZENS STATE BANK

Pursuant to the provisions of the Florida Financial Institutions Codes and the Florida Business Corporation Act, Perry Successor Bank and Citizens State Bank do hereby adopt the following Articles of Merger:

FIRST: The names of the corporations which are parties to the merger (the "Merger") contemplated by these Articles of Merger are Perry Successor Bank and Citizens State Bank. The surviving corporation in the Merger is Citizens State Bank, which shall continue to conduct its business following effectiveness of the Merger under the name "Citizens State Bank."

SECOND: The Plan of Merger is set forth in the Agreement and Plan of Merger dated January 14, 2019, by and among Perry Successor Bank (formerly, Perry Banking Company) and Citizens State Bank. A copy of the Plan of Merger is attached hereto and made a part hereof by reference as if fully set forth herein.

THIRD: The Merger shall become effective at 7:59 p.m., Eastern Daylight Time, on August 2, 2019.

FOURTH: The Merger Agreement was adopted by the shareholders of Perry Successor Bank (formerly, Perry Banking Company) on April 4, 2019, and was adopted by the sole shareholder of Citizens State Bank on January 11, 2019.

FIFTH: The Articles of Incorporation of Citizens State Bank shall serve as the Articles of Incorporation of the surviving corporation, until amended thereafter in accordance with applicable law.

[Signature page follows]

Secretary of State State of Componentations

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have caused these Articles of Merger to be signed on July <u>21</u>, 2019.

PERRY SUCCESSOR BANK

Gilbert A. Levy

President and Chief Executive Officer

CITIZENS STATE BANK

Gilbert A. Levy

President and Chief Executive Officer

EXHIBIT A MERGER AGREEMENT

AGREEMENT AND PLAN OF MERGER BETWEEN PERRY BANKING COMPANY AND CITIZENS STATE BANK

THIS AGREEMENT AND PLAN OF MERGER (the "Consolidation Merger Agreement") dated as of January 14, 2019, is made by and between Perry Banking Company ("Perry"), a Florida corporation and registered bank holding company, and Citizens State Bank (the "Bank"), a Florida-chartered banking corporation and wholly owned subsidiary of Perry.

RECITALS:

WHEREAS, the boards of directors of Perry and the Bank have approved and authorized the execution and delivery of this Consolidation Merger Agreement; and

WHEREAS, the boards of directors of Perry and the Bank each believe this Consolidation Merger Agreement and the transactions contemplated hereby are in the best interest of the respective shareholders of Perry and the Bank.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the premises and mutual agreements contained herein, the parties hereto, intending to be legally bound, have agreed as follows:

ARTICLE 1 THE MERGER

Section 1.1 The Merger.

- (a) Provided that this Consolidation Merger Agreement shall not have been terminated in accordance with its express terms, upon the terms and subject to the conditions of this Consolidation Merger Agreement and in accordance with the applicable provisions of the Florida law, at the Effective Time (as defined below) Perry shall be merged with and into the Bank pursuant to the provisions of, and with the effects provided under, Florida law, the separate existence of Perry shall cease and the Bank will be the surviving corporation and will continue its corporate existence under Florida law (the "Bank Merger"). As a result of the Bank Merger, each share of Perry common stock issued and outstanding immediately prior to the Effective Time, other than shares held by shareholders of Perry who or which properly elect to exercise his, her or its right to dissent under Section 607.1301, Florida Statutes ("Dissenting Shares"), will be converted into the right to receive one share of Bank common stock for each share of Perry common stock then held by such shareholder. Dissenting Shares shall be entitled to such sums as are provided under Florida law.
- (b) Perry and the Bank agree to execute and deliver articles of merger (the "Articles of Merger"), the terms of which shall be consistent with and subject to the terms of this Consolidation Merger Agreement, in order to facilitate the processing and approval of the applications contemplated in Section 2.3. The Bank has entered into an Agreement and Plan of Merger with Perry and VyStar Credit Union ("VyStar") dated as of the date hereof (the "VyStar")

Merger Agreement"), pursuant to which the Bank will be acquired by VyStar immediately following the Bank Merger (the "VyStar Merger").

- (c) The Bank and Perry agree to amend this Consolidation Merger Agreement as shall be appropriate to reflect the final structure and regulatory approval process appropriate for the Bank Merger and the VyStar Merger, in order to facilitate the processing and approval of the applications contemplated in Section 2.3, subject to any limitations or requirements of Florida or Federal law.
- Section 1.2 <u>Effective Time: Closing</u>. Provided that this Consolidation Merger Agreement shall not have been terminated in accordance with its express terms, the closing of the Bank Merger (the "Closing") shall occur on a date that is mutually agreed by the parties following the satisfaction or waiver in writing of all of the conditions set forth in Article 2 hereof. The Bank Merger shall be effective on the date and at the time designated in the Articles of Merger as filed with the Florida Secretary of State (the "Effective Time").
- Section 1.3 Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws. At the Effective Time, the articles of incorporation and bylaws of the Bank, as in effect immediately prior to the Effective Time, shall be the articles of incorporation and bylaws of the Bank (as the surviving corporation) until thereafter amended in accordance with applicable law.
- Section 1.4 <u>Board of Directors and Officers</u>. From and after the Effective Time, until duly changed in compliance with any applicable law and organizational documents of the Bank (as the surviving corporation), the board of directors and officers of the Bank (as the surviving corporation) shall be the board of directors and officers of the Bank in place immediately prior to the Effective Time.
- Section 1.5 <u>Rights as Shareholders</u>. At the Effective Time, holders of Perry common stock shall cease to be shareholders of Perry and shall have no rights as shareholders of Perry other than the right to receive one share of Bank common stock for each share of Perry common stock held by any such holder, or such rights associated with dissenting shares in accordance with Florida law.

Section 1.6 Representations and Warranties.

- (a) Perry is a corporation, duly organized, validly existing and in good standing under the laws of the State of Florida. Perry has all requisite corporate power and authority (including all licenses, franchises, permits and other governmental authorizations as are legally required) to carry on its business as now being conducted, to own, lease and operate its properties and assets as now owned, leased or operated and to enter into and carry out its obligations under this Consolidation Merger Agreement.
- (b) The Bank is a state bank, duly organized, validly existing and in good standing under the laws of the State of Florida. The Bank has all requisite corporate power and authority (including all licenses, franchises, permits and other governmental authorizations as are legally required) to carry on its business as now being conducted, to own, lease and operate its

properties and assets as now owned, leased or operated and to enter into and carry out its obligations under this Consolidation Merger Agreement.

ARTICLE 2 CONDITIONS PRECEDENT

The obligations of Perry and the Bank to consummate the Bank Merger are subject to the satisfaction, at or prior to the Closing, of each of the following conditions (any of which may be waived by the Bank or Perry, in whole or in part):

- Section 2.1 <u>Perry's and the Bank's Performance</u>. Each of Perry and the Bank shall have performed or complied in all material respects with all of the covenants and obligations to be performed or complied with by it under the terms of this Consolidation Merger Agreement on or prior to the Closing.
- Section 2.2 <u>No Proceedings</u>. Since the date hereof, there must not have been commenced or threatened against Perry or the Bank any proceeding: (a) involving any challenge to, or seeking damages or other relief in connection with, the Bank Merger or the VyStar Merger; or (b) that may have the effect of preventing, delaying, making illegal or otherwise interfering with the Bank Merger or the VyStar Merger.
- Section 2.3 <u>Consents and Approvals</u>. Any consents or approvals required to be secured by Perry or the Bank by the terms of this Consolidation Merger Agreement or applicable law shall have been obtained and shall be reasonably satisfactory to Perry and the Bank, and all applicable waiting periods shall have expired.
- Section 2.4 No Prohibition. Neither the consummation nor the performance of either of the Bank Merger or the VyStar Merger will, directly or indirectly (with or without notice or lapse of time), contravene, or conflict with or result in a violation of any applicable law, regulation or court or regulatory order.
- Section 2.5 <u>Shareholder Approval</u>. This Consolidation Merger Agreement, the VyStar Merger Agreement, the Bank Merger, and the VyStar Merger shall have been duly and validly approved by Perry's shareholders and Perry, in its capacity as the sole shareholder of the Bank. In that regard, Perry shall cause a meeting of its shareholders for the purpose of acting upon this Consolidation Merger Agreement, the VyStar Merger Agreement, the Bank Merger, and the VyStar Merger to be held at the earliest practicable date after the date hereof. Perry shall send to its shareholders notice of such meeting together with a proxy statement, which shall include a copy of this Consolidation Merger Agreement, the VyStar Merger Agreement, and a copy of the portions of the Florida law governing the rights of shareholders seeking dissenter's rights.
- Section 2.6 <u>Restated Articles of Incorporation</u>. Immediately prior to the Effective Time, Perry shall file Restated Articles of Incorporation to be organized as a Successor Institution in accordance with Section 658.40(4), Florida Statutes.

ARTICLE 3 TERMINATION

- Section 3.1 <u>Reasons for Termination and Abandonment</u>. This Consolidation Merger Agreement, by prompt written notice given to the other parties prior to or at the Closing, may be terminated:
 - (a) by mutual consent of the boards of directors of Perry and the Bank;
 - (b) automatically upon termination of the VyStar Merger Agreement;
 - (c) by either Perry or by the Bank if:
- (i) any of the conditions in Article 2 has not been satisfied and Perry and the Bank have not waived such condition on or before the Closing; or
- (ii) the other commits a willful breach of its obligations under this Consolidation Merger Agreement and the act or omission that constitutes a willful breach is not or cannot be cured within ten (10) business days after receipt by the breaching party of written demand for cure by the non-breaching party.
- (d) by Perry, if its shareholders fail to approve this Consolidation Merger Agreement, the VyStar Merger Agreement, the Bank Merger, and the VyStar Merger;
- (e) by the Bank, if Perry, in its capacity as the sole shareholder of the Bank, fails to approve this Consolidation Merger Agreement, the VyStar Merger Agreement, the Bank Merger, and the VyStar Merge; or
- (f) by either Perry or the Bank, if the Closing has not occurred (other than through the failure of any party seeking to terminate this Consolidation Merger Agreement to comply fully with its obligations under this Consolidation Merger Agreement) on or before September 30, 2019.
- Section 3.2 <u>Effect of Termination</u>. If this Consolidation Merger Agreement is terminated pursuant to Section 3.1 of this Consolidation Merger Agreement, this Consolidation Merger Agreement shall forthwith become void, there shall be no liability under this Consolidation Merger Agreement on the part of Perry or the Bank, and all rights and obligations of each party hereto shall cease; *provided, however*, that, nothing herein shall relieve any party from liability for the breach of any of its covenants or agreements set forth in this Consolidation Merger Agreement.

Section 3.3 Expenses. All expenses incurred by a party or on its behalf in connection with or related to the authorization, preparation, negotiation, execution and performance of this Consolidation Merger Agreement, and all other matters related to the Bank Merger or the VyStar Merger shall be paid by the party incurring or otherwise responsible for such expenses whether or not the Bank Merger or the VyStar Merger are consummated.

ARTICLE 4 MISCELLANEOUS

- Section 4.1 Governing Law. All questions concerning the construction, validity and interpretation of this Consolidation Merger Agreement and the performance of the obligations imposed by this Consolidation Merger Agreement shall be governed by the internal laws of the State of Florida applicable to contracts made and wholly to be performed in such state without regard to conflicts of laws.
- Section 4.2 <u>Jurisdiction and Service of Process</u>. Any action or proceeding seeking to enforce, challenge or avoid any provision of, or based on any right arising out of, this Consolidation Merger Agreement shall be brought only in the courts of the State of Florida, County of Taylor, and each of the parties consents to the exclusive jurisdiction of such courts (and of the appropriate appellate courts) in any such action or proceeding and waives any objection to jurisdiction or venue laid therein. Process in any action or proceeding referred to in the preceding sentence may be served on any party anywhere in the world.
- Section 4.3 Assignments. Successors and No Third Party Rights. None of the parties to this Consolidation Merger Agreement may assign any of its rights under this Consolidation Merger Agreement without the prior written consent of the other party. Subject to the preceding sentence, this Consolidation Merger Agreement and every representation, warranty, covenant, agreement and provision hereof shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the parties hereto and their respective successors and permitted assigns. Nothing expressed or referred to in this Consolidation Merger Agreement will be construed to give any Person (as defined in the VyStar Merger Agreement) other than the parties to this Consolidation Merger Agreement any legal or equitable right, remedy or claim under or with respect to this Consolidation Merger Agreement.
- Section 4.4 Waiver. Neither the failure nor any delay by any party in exercising any right, power or privilege under this Consolidation Merger Agreement or the documents referred to in this Consolidation Merger Agreement will operate as a waiver of such right, power or privilege, and no single or partial exercise of any such right, power or privilege will preclude any other or further exercise of such right, power or privilege or the exercise of any other right, power or privilege. To the maximum extent permitted by applicable law: (a) no claim or right arising out of this Consolidation Merger Agreement or the documents referred to in this Consolidation Merger Agreement can be discharged by one party, in whole or in part, by a waiver or renunciation of the claim or right unless in writing signed by the other party; (b) no waiver that may be given by a party will be applicable except in the specific instance for which it is given; and (c) no notice to or demand on one party will be deemed to be a waiver of any obligation of such party or of the right of the party giving such notice or demand to take further

action without notice or demand as provided in this Consolidation Merger Agreement or the documents referred to in this Consolidation Merger Agreement.

Section 4.5 <u>Notices</u>. All notices, consents, waivers and other communications under this Consolidation Merger Agreement must be in writing (which shall include telecopier communication) and will be deemed to have been duly given if delivered by hand or by nationally recognized overnight delivery service (receipt requested), mailed by registered or certified U.S. mail (return receipt requested) postage prepaid, or via email, if confirmed immediately thereafter by also mailing a copy of any notice, request or other communication by U.S. mail as provided in this Section:

If to the Bank, to:

Gilbert A. Levy
President and Chief Executive Officer
Citizens State Bank
2000 S. Byron Butler Parkway
Perry, Florida 32348
E-mail: gil.levv@csbdirect.com

If to Perry, to:

Gilbert A. Levy
President and Chief Executive Officer
Perry Banking Company, Inc.
2000 S. Byron Butler Parkway
Perry, Florida 32348
E-mail: gil.levy@csbdirect.com

or to such other place as the either party shall furnish to the other in writing. Except as otherwise provided herein, all such notices, consents, waivers and other communications shall be effective:
(a) if delivered by hand, when delivered; (b) if mailed in the manner provided in this Section, five (5) business days after deposit with the United States Postal Service; (c) if delivered by overnight express delivery service, on the next business day after deposit with such service; and (d) if by email, on the next business day if also confirmed by mail in the manner provided in this Section.

Section 4.6 Entire Consolidation Merger Agreement. This Consolidation Merger Agreement and any documents executed by the parties pursuant to this Consolidation Merger Agreement and referred to herein constitute the entire understanding and agreement of the parties hereto and supersede all other prior agreements and understandings, written or oral, relating to such subject matter between the parties.

Section 4.7 <u>Modification</u>. This Consolidation Merger Agreement may not be amended except by a written agreement signed by each of the parties hereto. Without limiting the foregoing, the parties may by written agreement signed by each of them: (a) extend the time for

the performance of any of the obligations or other acts of the parties hereto; (b) waive any inaccuracies in the representations or warranties contained in this Consolidation Merger Agreement or in any document delivered pursuant to this Consolidation Merger Agreement; and (c) waive compliance with or modify, amend or supplement any of the conditions, covenants, agreements, representations or warranties contained in this Consolidation Merger Agreement or waive or modify the performance of any of the obligations of any of the parties hereto, which are for the benefit of the waiving party.

- Section 4.8 Severability. Whenever possible, each provision of this Consolidation Merger Agreement shall be interpreted in such manner as to be effective and valid under applicable law, but if any provision of this Consolidation Merger Agreement is held to be prohibited by or invalid under applicable law, such provision will be ineffective only to the extent of such prohibition or invalidity, without invalidating the remainder of such provision or the remaining provisions of this Consolidation Merger Agreement unless the consummation of the transactions contemplated hereby is adversely affected thereby.
- Section 4.9 <u>Further Assurances</u>. The parties agree: (a) to furnish upon request to each other such further information; (b) to execute and deliver to each other such other documents; and (c) to do such other acts and things, all as the other party may reasonably request for the purpose of carrying out the intent of this Consolidation Merger Agreement and the documents referred to in this Consolidation Merger Agreement.
- Section 4.10 <u>Survival</u>. The representations, warranties and covenants contained herein shall terminate and be of no further effect after the Effective Time.
- Section 4.11 <u>Specific Performance</u>. The parties acknowledge and agree that irreparable damage would occur if any provision of this Consolidation Merger Agreement were not performed by a party in accordance with the terms hereof and that any party shall be entitled to specific performance of the terms hereof.
- Section 4.12 <u>Counterparts: Facsimile/PDF Signatures</u>. This Consolidation Merger Agreement may be executed in counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original, but all of which together shall constitute one and the same instrument. This Consolidation Merger Agreement may be executed and accepted by facsimile or portable data file (pdf) signature and any such signature shall be of the same force and effect as an original signature.

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In Witness Whereof, the parties hereto have caused this Consolidation Merger Agreement to be executed by their respective officers on the day ad year first written above.

CITIZENS STATE BANK

By: /s/Gilbert A. Levy
Name: Gilbert A. Levy
Title: President and Chief Executive Officer

PERRY BANKING COMPANY

By: : /s/Gilbert A. Levy
Name: Gilbert A. Levy
Title: President and Chief Executive Officer

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FINANCIAL REGULATION

The Office of Financial Regulation ("OFR") approved on April 18, 2019, to merge Perry Successor Bank, Perry, Taylor County, Florida, with and into Citizens State Bank, Perry, Taylor County, Florida. Prior to the merger, Perry Banking Company, Perry, Taylor County, Florida intends to file "Restated Articles of Incorporation" to become a successor institution (Perry Successor Bank) in accordance with Section 658.40(4), Florida Statutes. Perry Successor Bank will subsequently merge with and into Citizens State Bank. The OFR does not object to the filing with the Department of state of the attached Restated Articles of Incorporation for Perry Banking Company, or the subsequent merger of Perry Successor Bank with and into Citizens State Bank.

Signed on this <u>1st</u> day of August 2019.

Jeremy W. Smith, Director,

Division of Financial Institutions