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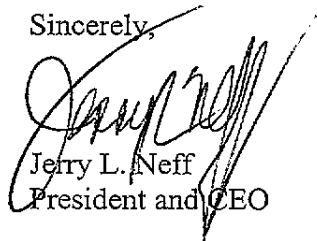
Division of Corporations
P. O. Box 6327
Tallahassee, FL 32314

Gentlemen:

Enclosed is the original Articles of Amendment to Articles of Incorporation of American Bank. Also enclosed is our check in the amount of \$52.50 covering the filing fee and two certified copies.

If you require any additional information, I can be reached at 941-761-2100.

Sincerely,



Jerry L. Neff
President and CEO

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Enclosures

cc: Linda R. Townsend, Chief
Division of Banking, Bureau of Financial Institutions

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FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Katherine Harris
Secretary of State

December 18, 2001

Linda R. Townsend, Chief
% DIVISION OF BANKING
Tallahassee, FL 32399

SUBJECT: AMERICAN BANK
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We have received your document for AMERICAN BANK and your check(s) totaling \$52.50. However, the enclosed document has not been filed and is being returned for the following correction(s):

Pursuant to section 655.043, Florida Statutes, a bank, industrial savings bank, trust company, or savings association may not amend its articles of incorporation without written approval of the Department of Banking and Finance. Their address is :

Department of Banking and Finance
Division of Banking
The Capitol, Suite 1401
Tallahassee, FL 32399.

Please return your document, along with a copy of this letter, within 60 days or your filing will be considered abandoned.

If you have any questions concerning the filing of your document, please call (850) 245-6910.

Louise Flemming-Jackson
Corporate Specialist Supervisor

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**ARTICLES OF AMENDMENT
TO
ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION
OF
AMERICAN BANK**

American Bank, a banking corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Florida, hereby certifies that the following Amendment to its Articles of Incorporation was approved on February 20, 2001 by the sole shareholder of the corporation, GBC Florida, Inc., pursuant to Florida Statutes:

Article II of the corporation's Articles of Incorporation is deleted in its entirety, and the following is substituted in its place:

ARTICLE II

"The general nature of the business to be transacted by the corporation shall be: That of a general commercial banking business and it shall be permitted to engage in any activity or business permitted by the laws of the State of Florida. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the corporation shall be authorized to engage in trust business upon its receipt of the necessary approvals required by the laws of the State of Florida and any other applicable laws relating to trust powers."

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has executed these Articles of Amendment this 6th day of December 2001.

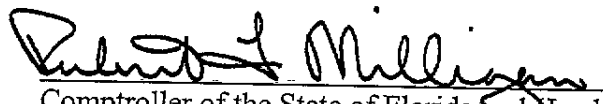
AMERICAN BANK

By: _____

Jerry L. Neff

President and CEO

APPROVED by the Department of Banking and Finance this 21st day of December, 2001, Tallahassee, Florida.


Comptroller of the State of Florida and Head
Of the Department of Banking and Finance