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Division of Corporations  
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SUBJECT: Giant Holdings, Inc.  
(PROPOSED CORPORATE NAME - MUST INCLUDE SUFFIX)

Enclosed is an original and one(1) copy of the articles of incorporation and a check for :

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Filing Fee  
& Certificate of Status

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Filing Fee  
& Certified Copy

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FROM: Igler & Dougherty, P.A.  
Name (Printed or typed)

1501 Park Avenue East  
Address

Tallahassee, Florida 32301  
City, State & Zip

878-2411  
Daytime Telephone number

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**ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION  
OF  
GIANT HOLDINGS, INC.**

In compliance with the requirements of Chapter 607, *Florida Statutes*, the undersigned, being a natural person, does hereby act as an incorporator in adopting and filing the following Articles of Incorporation for the purpose of organizing a business corporation.

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**ARTICLE I - NAME**

The name of the corporation is Giant Holdings, Inc. ("Corporation"). The initial street address of the principal office of the Corporation is 6300 NE 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue, Suite 300, Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33334 or at such other place within the State of Florida as the Board of Directors may designate.

**ARTICLE II - NATURE OF BUSINESS**

The Corporation may engage in or transact any or all lawful activities or business permitted under the laws of the United States and the State of Florida, or any other state, country, territory or nation.

**ARTICLE III - CAPITAL STOCK**

**Section 1 - Classes of Stock:** The total number of shares of all classes of capital stock which the Corporation shall have authority to issue is 55,000,000, consisting of:

- A. 5,000,000 shares of preferred stock par value one cent (\$0.01) per share ("Preferred Stock"); and
- B. 50,000,000 shares of common stock, par value one cent (\$0.01) per share ("Common Stock").

**Section 2 - Common Stock:** There shall be one class of Common Stock. Each share of Common Stock shall have the same relative rights and be identical in all respects with every other share of Common Stock. The holders of Common Stock are entitled to elect the members of the Board of Directors of the Company and such holders are entitled to vote as a class on all matters required or permitted to be submitted to the shareholders of the Company. Each holder of Common Stock is entitled to one vote per share. No holder of any class of stock of the Company has preemptive rights with respect to the issuance of shares of that or any other class of stock and the Common Stock is not entitled to cumulative voting rights with respect to the election of directors.

**Section 3 - Preferred Stock:** The Board of Directors is authorized, subject to any limitations prescribed by law, to provide for the issuance of the shares of Preferred Stock in series, and by filing a certificate pursuant to the applicable laws of the State of Florida (such certificate being hereinafter referred to as a "Preferred Stock Designation"), to establish from time to time the number of shares to be included in each such series and to fix the slated value, designation, powers, preferences and right of the shares of each such series and any qualifications, limitations or restrictions thereof. The number of authorized shares of Preferred Stock may be increased or decreased (but not below the number of shares then outstanding) by the affirmative vote of the holders of a majority of the Common Stock, without a vote of the holders of the Preferred Stock, or of any series thereof, unless a vote of any such holders is required pursuant to the terms of any Preferred Stock Designation.

#### **ARTICLE IV - TERM OF EXISTENCE**

This corporation is to exist perpetually.

#### **ARTICLE V - INITIAL REGISTERED AGENT AND STREET ADDRESS**

The name of the registered agent is Igler & Dougherty, P.A., 1501 Park Avenue East, Tallahassee, Florida 32301, which address is also the address of the Registered Office of the Corporation.

#### **ARTICLE VI - INCORPORATOR**

The name and street address of the incorporator to these Articles of Incorporation is Herbert D. Haughton, Igler & Dougherty, PA 1501 Park Avenue East, Tallahassee, FL 32301

#### **ARTICLE VII - MANAGEMENT OF THE BUSINESS OF THE COMPANY**

**Section 1 - Authority of the Board:** The business and affairs of the Corporation shall be managed by or under the direction of the Board of Directors. In addition to the powers and authority expressly conferred upon them by the Florida Statutes or by these Articles of Incorporation or the Bylaws of the Corporation, the directors are hereby empowered to exercise all such powers and do all such acts and things as may be exercised or done by the Corporation.

**Section 2 - Action by Shareholders:** Any action required or permitted to be taken by the shareholders of the Corporation must be effected at a duly called Annual or Special Meeting of Shareholders of the Corporation and may not be effected by any consent in writing by such shareholders.

**Section 3 - Special Meeting of Shareholders:** Special Meeting of shareholders of the Corporation may be called by the Board of Directors pursuant to a resolution adopted by a majority of the total number of authorized directors (whether or not there exist any vacancies in previously

authorized directorships at the time any such resolution is presented to the Board for adoption), the Chairman of the Board or the President of the Corporation, or by shareholders holding at least 10% of the outstanding shares of the Corporation.

## **ARTICLE VIII - DIRECTORS**

***Section 1 - Number of Directors:*** The Board of Directors of the Corporation shall be comprised of not less than three (3) nor more than eleven (11) directors and shall be fixed from time to time exclusively by the Board of Directors pursuant to a resolution adopted by a majority of the full Board as set forth in the Corporation's Bylaws. The Board of Directors is authorized to increase the number of directors by no more than two and to immediately appoint persons to fill the new director positions until the next Annual Meeting of Shareholders, at which meeting the new director positions shall be filled by persons elected by the shareholders of the voting power of all the then-outstanding shares of capital stock of the Corporation entitled to vote generally in the election of directors, voting together as a single class.

***Section 2 - Election and Term:*** Directors shall be elected by a plurality of the votes cast by the shares entitled to vote in the election at a meeting at which a quorum is present. The term of the initial directors of the Corporation expires at the first shareholders' meeting at which directors are elected. Subsequent directors shall serve for a one year term or until their successor is elected.

***Section 3 - Vacancies:*** Subject to the rights of the holders of any series of Preferred Stock then outstanding, newly created directorships resulting from any increase in the authorized number of directors or any vacancies in the Board of Directors resulting from death, resignation, retirement, disqualification, removal from office or other cause may be filled only by a majority vote of the directors then in office, though less than a quorum. Directors so chosen shall hold office for a term expiring at the next Annual Meeting of Shareholders. No decrease in the number of directors constituting the Board of Directors shall shorten the term of any incumbent director.

***Section 4 - Notice:*** Advance notice of shareholder nominations for the election of directors and of business to be brought by shareholders before any meeting of the shareholders of the Corporation shall be given in the manner provided in the Bylaws of the Corporation.

***Section 5 - Removal by Shareholders:*** Subject to the rights of the holders of any series of Preferred Stock then outstanding, any director, or the entire Board of Directors, may be removed from office at any time by the affirmative vote of the holders of at least a majority of the voting power of all of the then-outstanding shares of capital stock of the Corporation entitled to vote generally in the election of directors, voting together as a single class.

## ARTICLE IX - ACQUISITION OFFERS

The Corporation shall not be merged or consolidated with another corporation or entity and the Corporation shall not sell or otherwise dispose of all or substantially all of the properties or assets of the Corporation unless such merger, consolidation, sale or disposition is approved by a vote of at least 66% of the outstanding shares of common stock of the Corporation.

The Board of Directors of the Corporation, when evaluating any offer of another Person to: (i) make a tender or exchange offer for any equity security of the Corporation, (ii) merge or consolidate the Corporation with another corporation or entity, or (iii) purchase or otherwise acquire all or substantially all of the properties and assets of the Corporation, shall, in connection with the exercise of its judgment in determining what is in the best interest of the Corporation and its shareholders, give due consideration to all relevant factors, including, without limitation, the social and economic effect of acceptance of such offer on the Corporation's present and future customers and employees and those of its Subsidiaries; on the communities in which the Corporation and its Subsidiaries operate or are located; on the ability of the Corporation to fulfill its corporate objectives as a financial institution holding company and on the ability of its subsidiary financial institutions to fulfill the objectives of such institutions under applicable statutes and regulations.

## ARTICLE X - INDEMNIFICATION

**Section 1 - General:** The Corporation shall indemnify any officer, director, employee or agent of the Corporation to the fullest extent authorized by Section 607.0850 of the Florida Business Corporation Act as it now exists or may hereafter be amended (the "FBCA") but, in the case of any such amendment, only to the extent that such amendment permits the Corporation to provide broader indemnification rights than said law permitted the Corporation to provide prior to such amendment.

This includes, but is not limited to, any person who was or is made a party or is threatened to be made a party to any action, suit or proceeding, whether civil, criminal, administrative or investigative ("Proceeding"), by reason of the fact that he or she, or a person of whom he or she is the legal representative, is or was a director or officer of the Corporation or is or was serving at the request of the Corporation as a director, officer, employee or agent of another corporation or of a partnership, joint venture, trust or other enterprise, including service with respect to employee benefit plans, whether the basis of such Proceeding is alleged action in an official capacity as a director, officer, employee or agent or in any other capacity while serving as a director, officer, employee or agent, reasonably incurred or suffered by such person in connection therewith. Such indemnification shall continue as to a person who has ceased to be a director, officer, employee or agent and shall inure to the benefit of his or her heirs, executors and administrators; provided, however, that the Corporation shall indemnify any such person seeking indemnity in connection with an action, suit or Proceeding (or part thereof) initiated by such person only if such action, suit or Proceeding (or part thereof) was authorized by the Board of Directors of the Corporation. Such right shall be a contract right and shall include the right to be paid by the Corporation for all expenses incurred in defending any such proceeding in advance of its final disposition; provided, however, that, the payment of such expenses incurred by a director or officer in his or her capacity as a director or officer (and not in any other capacity in which service was or is rendered by such person while

a director or officer, including, without limitation, service to an employee benefit plan) in advance of the final disposition of such proceeding, shall be made only upon delivery to the Corporation of an undertaking, by or on behalf of such director or officer, to repay all amounts so advanced if it should be determined ultimately that such director or officer is not entitled to be indemnified under this Article or otherwise.

**Section 2 - Failure to Pay Claim:** If a claim under Section 1 of this Article is not paid in full by the Corporation within 90 days after a written claim has been received by the Corporation, the claimant may at any time thereafter bring suit against the Corporation to recover the unpaid amount of the claim and, if successful in whole or in part, the claimant shall be entitled to be paid also the expense of prosecuting such claim. It shall be a defense to any such action (other than an action brought to enforce a claim for expenses incurred in defending any proceeding in advance of its final disposition where the required undertaking, if any, has been tendered to the Corporation) that the claimant has not met the standards of conduct which make it permissible under the FBCA for the Corporation to indemnify the claimant for the amount claimed, but the burden of proving such defense shall be on the Corporation. Neither the failure of the Corporation (including its Board of Directors, independent legal counsel, or its shareholders) to have made a determination prior to the commencement of such action that indemnification of the claimant is proper in the circumstances because he or she has met the applicable standard of conduct set forth in the FBCA, nor an actual determination by the Corporation (including its Board of Directors, independent legal counsel, or its shareholders) that the claimant has not met such applicable standard of conduct, shall be a defense to the action or create a presumption that claimant has not met the applicable standard of conduct.

**Section 3 - Other Rights:** The rights conferred on any individual by Sections 1 and 2 of this Article shall not be exclusive of any other right which such individual may have or hereafter acquire under any statute, provision of these Articles of Incorporation, Bylaws of the Corporation, agreement, vote of shareholders or Disinterested Directors or otherwise.

**Section 4 - Insurance:** The Corporation may maintain insurance, at its expense, to protect itself and any such director, officer, employee or agent of the Corporation or another corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust or other enterprise against any such expense, liability or loss, whether or not the Corporation would have the power to indemnify such person against such expense, liability or loss under the FBCA.

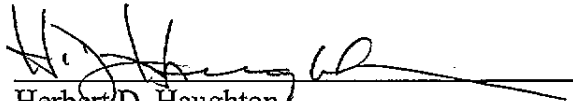
**Section 5 - Personal Liability:** A director of the Corporation shall not be personally liable to the Corporation or its shareholders for monetary damages for any statement, vote, decision or failure to act regarding corporate management or policy except as provided in the FBCA. If the FBCA is amended after adoption of these Articles of Incorporation and such amendment further eliminates or limits the personal liability of directors, then the liability of a director of the Corporation shall be eliminated or limited to the fullest extent permitted by the FBCA, as so amended.

Any repeal or modification of the foregoing paragraph by the shareholders or the Corporation shall not adversely affect any right or protection of a director of the Corporation existing at the time of such repeal or modification.

## ARTICLE XI - AMENDMENT

The Corporation reserves the right to amend or repeal any provision contained in these Articles of Incorporation in the manner prescribed by Chapter 607, *Florida Statutes*, and all rights conferred upon shareholders are granted subject to this reservation; however, an affirmative vote of at least a majority of the outstanding common stock of the Corporation shall be necessary to amend these Articles.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned incorporator has executed these Articles of Incorporation this 22nd day of January 2001.

  
Herbert D. Haughton  
Incorporator

**CERTIFICATE OF DESIGNATION OF  
REGISTERED AGENT/REGISTERED OFFICE**

PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 607.0501, FLORIDA STATUTES, THE UNDERSIGNED CORPORATION, ORGANIZED UNDER THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA, SUBMITS THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT IN DESIGNATING THE REGISTERED THE REGISTERED OFFICE/REGISTERED AGENT, IN THE STATE OF FLORIDA.

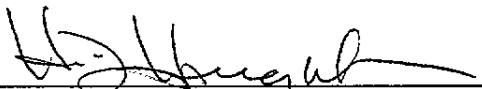
1. The name of the corporation is Giant Holdings, Inc.
2. The name and address of the registered agent and office is:

Igler & Dougherty, P.A.  
1501 Park Avenue East  
Tallahassee, Florida 32301

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*Having been named as registered agent and to accept service of process for the above stated corporation at the place designated in this certificate, I hereby accept the appointment as registered agent and agree to act in this capacity. I further agree to comply with the provisions of all statutes relating to the proper and complete performance of my duties, and I am familiar with and accept the obligations of my position as registered agent.*

**Igler & Dougherty, P.A.**

By:   
Herbert D. Haughton, Secretary

 22, 2001  
Date