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**ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION  
OF  
GULF COAST FINANCIAL GROUP, INC.**

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SECRETARY OF STATE  
TALLAHASSEE FLORIDA

**I**

The Name of the corporation shall be **GULF COAST FINANCIAL GROUP, INC.**, whose principal office shall be located at 116 East Third Avenue, Tallahassee, Florida 32303.

**II**

The duration of the corporation shall be perpetual.

**III**

The purpose for which the corporation is organized is to engage in any activity or business permitted under the laws of the United States and under the laws of the State of Florida.

**IV**

The corporation shall consist of 3000 authorized shares of stock with a par value of \$10.00.

**V**

The number of directors that the corporation shall have shall be not less than one (1) or more than seven (7) this number may be changed from time to time in accordance with the Bylaws of the corporation. Unless otherwise provided in the Bylaws, the corporation shall have two (2) directors.

## **VI**

The initial board of directors shall be two (2) in number. Their names and addresses are as follows:

James N. Tookes	116 East Third Avenue, Tallahassee, Florida, 32303
M. Patrick Sharkey	57 Jefferson Court, Strabane Co., Tyrone, North Ireland BT829RW

## **VII**

The manner of election of directors is referred to in the Bylaws.

## **VIII**

The name and address of the incorporator is as follows:

James N. Tookes	116 East Third Avenue, Tallahassee, Florida, 32303
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## **IX**

The name of the initial registered agent of the corporation is: James N. Tookes

116 East Third Avenue, Tallahassee, Florida, 32303

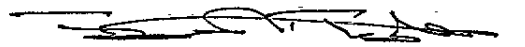
## **X**

The address of the principal office of this corporation is: 116 East Third Avenue,  
Tallahassee, Florida, 32303

## **XI**

This corporation reserves the right to amend, alter, change or repeal any provisions contained in its Articles of incorporation, in the manner now or hereafter prescribed by statute, and all rights conferred upon shareholders herein are granted subject to this reservation.

**THE UNDERSIGNED**, being the original incorporator hereinafter named for the purpose of forming a corporation to do business both within and without the State of Florida, to make, subscribe, acknowledge, and file these Articles, hereby declares and certifies that the facts herein stated are true and accordingly have hereunto set my hand and seal this 12 day of March, 2001.



**James N. Tookes**

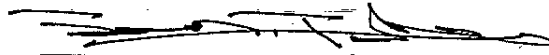
**CERTIFICATE DESIGNATING PLACE OF BUSINESS OR DOMICILE FOR THE SERVICE OF PROCESS WITHIN THIS STATE, NAMING AGENT WITH WHOM PROCESS MAY BE SERVED.**

Pursuant to Chapter 48.091, Florida Statutes, the following is submitted in compliance with said Act:

First--that **GULF COAST FINANCIAL GROUP, INC.** desiring to organize under the laws of the State of Florida with its principal office indicated in the articles of incorporation in the City of Tallahassee, County of Leon, State of Florida, has named James N. Tookes 116 East Third Avenue, Tallahassee, Florida, 32303, as its agent to accept service of process within this state.

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

Having been named to accept service of process for the above corporation, at the place designated in this certificate, I hereby accept to act in this capacity and agree to comply with the provision of said Act relative to being available at said location.

  
James N. Tookes

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