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JOHN P. GREELEY

January 31, 2003

Via Federal Express

Florida Secretary of State Division of Corporations Bureau of Corporate Records 409 E. Gaines Street Tallahassee, FL 32399

Re: Tropical Bancshares of Florida, Inc.

Dear Sir/Madam:

Enclosed are the following documents relating to the above-referenced corporation:

- 1. Original Articles of Amendment to the Articles of Incorporation submitted for filing:
- 2. A check in the amount of \$52.50 (\$35.00 for filing fee and \$17.50 for two certified copies of the Articles of Amendment to the Restated Articles of Incorporation); and
- 3. Two photocopies of the executed Articles of Amendment to the Restated Articles of Incorporation.

Please file the enclosed document as soon as possible and return to us a certified copy of the Amendment. If you have any questions regarding the enclosed, please do not hesitate to call me at your convenience.

Thank you for your assistance.

Very truly yours

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Copy to:

A. Ferold Davis

President and Chief Executive Officer Tropical Bancshares of Florida, Inc.

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Tropical Bancshares of Florida, Inc

ARTICLES OF AMENDMENT TO ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF TROPICAL BANCSHARES OF FLORIDA, INC.



Pursuant to Section 607.1006, Florida Statutes, the Articles of Incorporation of Tropical Bancshares of Florida, Inc. are hereby amended as follows:

FIRST: Article IV, A, (1) of the Articles of Incorporation is hereby amended by deleting the text of such provision in its entirety and substituted the following provision in lieu thereof:

(1) The aggregate number of shares of common stock (referred to in these Articles of Incorporation as "Common Stock") which the Corporation shall have the authority to issue is 6,100,000 shares of common stock having a par value of \$1.00 per share.

SECOND: The foregoing amendment was adopted by the holders of all of the outstanding shares of common stock, being the sole voting group entitled to vote on the amendment, on January 16, 2003 and the number of votes cast for the amendment was sufficient for approval by the holders of common stock.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has caused these Articles of Amendment to be executed and attested to by its duly authorized officer as of this _//_ day of January, 2003.

Tropical Bancshares of Florida, Inc.

A. Ferold Davis

President and Chief Executive Officer

STATE OF FLORIDA COUNTY OF CHARLOTTE

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this _____ day of January, 2003, by A. Ferold Davis, as President and Chief Executive Officer of Tropical Bancshares of Florida, Inc., on behalf of the corporation.

Printed Name:
Notary Public, State of Florida

Personally Known

or Produced Identification

Type of Identification Produced _______

