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DATE: July 7, 2003

TO: Karon Beyer, Department of State
Division of Corporations - Bureau of Commercial Recordings

FROM: Bruce Ricca, Licensing and Chartering

SUBJ: Cortez Community Bank
Brooksville, Hernando County, Florida
(Proposed New Bank)

Please file the attached Articles of Incorporation for the above-referenced institution, using the CURRENT DATE, as the effective date.

Please make the following distribution of certified copies:

- (1) One copy to: Bruce Ricca
Office of Financial Regulation
Licensing & Chartering
200 East Gaines Street
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0371
- (2) Two copies to: Ms. Denise Strand
The Hogan Law Firm
Post Office Box 485
Brooksville, Florida 34605
- (3) Uncertified copy to: Ms. Charmion Haley
Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation
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ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF
CORTEZ COMMUNITY BANK

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The undersigned, acting as director(s) of the purpose of forming a corporation under and by virtue of the Laws of the State of Florida, adopt(s) the following Articles of Incorporation:

ARTICLE I

The name of the corporation shall be Cortez Community Bank and its initial place of business shall be in 1000 S. Broad Street, Brooksville, in the County of Hernando, and State of Florida.

ARTICLE II

The general nature of the business to be transacted by this corporation shall be: That of a general commercial banking business with all the rights, powers, and privileges granted and conferred by the Florida Financial Institutions Codes, regulating the organization, powers, and management of banking corporations.

ARTICLE III

The total number of shares authorized to be issued by the corporation shall be 2,000,000. Such shares shall be of a single class and shall have a par value of \$5.00 per share. The corporation shall begin business with at least \$3,270,000 in paid-in common capital stock to be divided into 654,000 shares. The amount of surplus with which the corporation will begin business will be not less than \$2,730,000 of which (capital stock and surplus) shall be paid in cash.

ARTICLE IV

The term for which said corporation shall exist shall be perpetual unless terminated pursuant to the Florida Financial Institutions Codes.

ARTICLE V

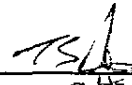
The number of directors shall not be fewer than five (5). A majority of the full board of directors may, at any time during the years following the annual meeting of shareholders in which such action has been authorized, increase the number of directors by not more than two and appoint persons to fill resulting vacancies. The names and street addresses of the first directors of the corporation are:

NAME	STREET ADDRESS
Dr. Lingappa Amarchand	14387 Hunt Club Lane Spring Hill, FL 34609
Eugene A. Berry	7598 Aralia Way Largo, FL 33777
Terry G. Bickel	24132 Westminster Court Brooksville, FL 34601
Joyce P. Brooks	5254 Sandra Drive Brooksville, FL 34601
Mary Beth Gary	9311 Wallien Drive Brooksville, FL 34601
JoAnn E. Guckian	9365 Elida Road Spring Hill, FL 34608
Thomas S. Hogan, Jr.	P.O. Box 12 Brooksville, FL 34605
Becky L. Leavell	2045 Anderson Snow Road Spring Hill, FL 34609
Derrill S. McAteer	20491 Powell Road Brooksville, FL 34604
Mukesh H. Mehta, M.D.	18641 Avenue Capri Lutz, FL 33558
Donald R. Page	2727 Orchid Oaks Drive, Unit 205C Sarasota, FL 34239
Ralph V. Taglia	4464 Golf Club Lane Brooksville, FL 34609
John S. Turner, Sr.	24198 Westminster Court Brooksville, FL 34601
Barry J. Weber	4939 Cedarbrook Lane Spring Hill, FL 34607

ARTICLE VI

The name and street address of the person signing these Articles of Incorporation as incorporator is Thomas S. Hogan, Jr., P.O. Box 12, Brooksville, FL 34605.

IN WITNESS of the foregoing, the undersigned incorporator has executed these Articles of Incorporation declaring and certifying that the facts stated herein are true, and hereby subscribe thereto and hereunto set his hand and seal this 25th day of June 2003.



Thomas S. Hogan, Jr.

STATE OF FLORIDA

COUNTY OF HERNANDO

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this 25th day of June, 2003, by THOMAS S. HOGAN, JR., who is personally known to me or who has produced identification and who did/did not take an oath.

(Seal)



Denise M. Strand
Commission #DD187569
Expires: Feb 24, 2007
Bonded Thru
Atlantic Bonding Co., Inc.



Notary Public – State of Florida
Printed Name: DENISE M STRAND
My Commission Expires: _____

APPROVED by the Office of Financial Regulation for the State of Florida this 2ND day of JULY, 2003.

Tallahassee, Florida



Office of Financial Regulation