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August 21, 2007

VIA INTEROFFICE MAIL

Ms. Susan Payne
Senior Section Administrator
Florida Division of Corporations
Corporate Filings
Post Office Box 6327
Tallahassee, Florida 32314-6327

Dear Ms. Payne:

Please file the enclosed amendment to the articles of incorporation of Freedom Bank, Bradenton, Florida, at your earliest convenience. The distribution of the certified copies should be made as follows:

- (1) Return one copy to: Division of Financial Institutions
Office of Financial Regulation
200 East Gaines Street
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0371
- (2) Mail one copy to: Nina S. Gordon, Esquire
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Also enclosed is a check for \$52.50 representing the filing and certified copy fees. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

William A. Lott
Senior Management Analyst II
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**AMENDMENT TO
AMENDED AND RESTATED ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION
OF
FREEDOM BANK**

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Pursuant to the provisions of Section 607.1006, Florida Statutes, FREEDOM BANK, a Florida-chartered commercial bank (the "Corporation"), adopts the following Articles of Amendment to its Amended and Restated Articles of Incorporation:

FIRST: Article V of the Corporation's Articles of Incorporation is hereby amended to read in its entirety as follows:

**"ARTICLE V
DIRECTORS**

The number of directors of the Corporation shall not be fewer than five nor more than 15."

SECOND: The foregoing amendment was adopted and ratified by the shareholders on April 24, 2007.

THIRD: The foregoing amendment was approved and ratified by a majority of the shareholders of the Corporation. The number of votes cast for the amendment was sufficient for approval. There were no voting groups entitled to vote separately on the amendment.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, FREEDOM BANK has caused these Articles of Amendment to be signed by the President and Chief Executive Officer of the Corporation this 19th day of June, 2007.

FREEDOM BANK
a Florida-chartered commercial bank

By: Gerald L. Anthony
Gerald L. Anthony, President and Chief Executive Officer

Approved by the Office of Financial Regulation this 20th day of August, 2007.

Tallahassee, Florida

Linda B. Charity
Name: Linda B. Charity
Title: Director
Office of Financial Regulation
Division of Financial Institutions