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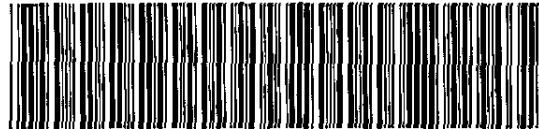
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JOHN P. GREELEY

May 31, 2005

Via Federal Express

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

Re: Gateway Financial Holdings, Inc.

Dear Sir/Madam:

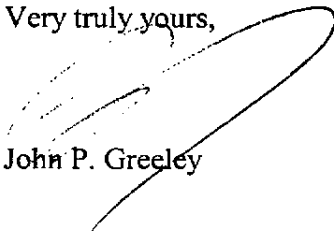
Enclosed are the following documents relating to the above-referenced corporation:

1. Original and two copies of an Amendment to the Articles of Incorporation of Gateway Financial Holdings, Inc.
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 Articles of Incorporation).

Please file the enclosed document as soon as possible and return to us two certified copies 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,


John P. Greeley

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Enclosures

Copy to: David K. Maholias
President and Chief Executive Officer
Gateway Financial Holdings, Inc.

**ARTICLES OF AMENDMENT
TO
ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION
OF
GATEWAY FINANCIAL HOLDINGS, INC.**

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Pursuant to Section 607.1006, Florida Statutes, the Articles of Incorporation of Gateway Financial Holdings, Inc. are hereby amended as follows:

FIRST: Article I of the Articles of Incorporation is hereby amended by deleting the text of such provision in its entirety and substituting the following provision in lieu thereof:

ARTICLE I

The name of the Corporation is Gateway Financial Holdings of Florida, Inc.

SECOND: The foregoing amendment was adopted by the holders of all the outstanding shares of common stock, being the sole voting group entitled to vote on the amendment, on May 18, 2005 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 officers as of this 18th day of May, 2005.

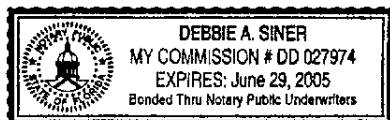
GATEWAY FINANCIAL HOLDINGS, INC.

By: _____

David K. Maholias, President

STATE OF FLORIDA
COUNTY OF VOLUSIA

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this 18th day of May, 2005, by David K. Maholias as President of Gateway Financial Holdings, Inc., on behalf of the Corporation.



Printed Name: Debbie A. Siner
Notary Public, State of Florida

Personally Known ☒ or Produced Identification ☐
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