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JOHN P. GREELEY

January 8, 2009

Via Federal Express

Florida Secretary of State Attention: Karon Beyer Bureau of Corporate Records 409 East Gaines Street Tallahassee, FL 32399

Re:

The Prosperity Banking Company

Dear Karon:

Please find enclosed the following documents relating to the above-referenced corporation:

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

Please file the enclosed documents and return to us two certified copies of the Restated Articles of Incorporation. If you have any questions regarding the enclosed, please call me immediately.

We appreciate your assistance.

Very truly yours

John P Greeley

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Copy to:

James E. "Eddie" Creamer, Jr., President and Chief Executive Officer

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SECRETARY OF STATE TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA

OF

THE PROSPERITY BANKING COMPANY

The Prosperity Banking Company, whose Restated Articles of Incorporation were filed by the Florida Department of State on June 30, 2004, does hereby file the following Restated Articles of Incorporation pursuant to Section 607.1007, of the Florida Business Corporation Act (the "Act").

ARTICLE I

Name

The name of the Corporation is The Prosperity Banking Company

ARTICLE II

Duration

The Corporation shall exist perpetually, commencing June 30, 2004.

ARTICLE III

Purpose

The general purpose of the Corporation shall be the transaction of any and all lawful business for which corporations may be incorporated under the Act. The Corporation shall have all of the powers enumerated in the Act and all such other powers as are not specifically prohibited to corporations for profit under the laws of the State of Florida.

ARTICLE IV

Capital Stock

A. Number and Class of Shares Authorized; Par Value.

The Corporation is authorized to issue the following shares of capital stock:

(1) <u>Common Stock</u>. The aggregate number of shares of common stock (referred to in these Restated Articles of Incorporation as "Common Stock") which the Corporation shall have authority to issue is 60,000,000 shares, 3,000,000 of which shall be voting Common Stock, par value

\$.01 per share, and 57,000,000 of which shall be non-voting Common Stock, par value \$.01 per share. Except as expressly set forth herein with respect to voting, the shares of Common Stock which the Corporation shall have the authority to issue shall be identical, and shall have equal rights and privileges.

(2) <u>Preferred Stock</u>. The aggregate number of shares of preferred stock (referred to in these Restated Articles of Incorporation as "Preferred Stock") which the Corporation shall have authority to issue is 5,000,000, par value \$.01 per share.

B. Description of Preferred Stock.

The terms, preferences, limitations and relative rights of the Preferred Stock are as follows:

- (1) The Board of Directors is expressly authorized at any time and from time to time to provide for the issuance of shares of Preferred Stock in one or more series, with such voting powers, full or limited (including, by way of illustration and not limitation, in excess of one vote per share), or without voting powers, and with such designations, preferences and relative participating, option or other rights, qualifications, limitations or restrictions, as shall be fixed and determined in the resolution or resolutions providing for the issuance thereof adopted by the Board of Directors, and as are not stated and expressed in these Restated Articles of Incorporation or any amendment hereto, including (but without limiting the generality of the foregoing) the following:
 - (a) The distinctive designation of such series and the number of shares which shall constitute such series, which number may be increased (except where otherwise provided by the Board of Directors in creating such series) or decreased (but not below the number of shares thereof then outstanding) from time to time by resolution of the Board of Directors; and
 - (b) The rate and manner of payment of dividends payable on shares of such series, including the dividend rate, date of declaration and payment, whether dividends shall be cumulative, and the conditions upon which and the date from which such dividends shall be cumulative; and
 - (c) Whether shares of such series shall be redeemed, the time or times when, and the price or prices at which, shares of such series shall be redeemable, the redemption price, the terms and conditions of redemption, and the sinking fund provisions, if any, for the purchase or redemption of such shares; and
 - (d) The amount payable on shares of such series and the rights of holders of such shares in the event of any voluntary or involuntary liquidation, dissolution or winding up of the affairs of the Corporation; and

- (e) The rights, if any, of the holders of shares of such series to convert such shares into, or exchange such shares for, shares of Common Stock, other securities, or shares of any other class or series of Preferred Stock and the terms and conditions of such conversion or exchange; and
- (f) The voting rights, if any, and whether full or limited, of the shares of such series, which may include no voting rights, one vote per share, or such higher number of votes per share as may be designated by the Board of Directors; and
- (g) The preemptive or preferential rights, if any, of the holders of shares of such series to subscribe for, purchase, receive, or otherwise acquire any part of any new or additional issue of stock of any class, whether now or hereafter authorized, or of any bonds, debentures, notes, or other securities of the Corporation, whether or not convertible into shares of stock with the Corporation.
- (2) Except in respect of the relative rights and preferences that may be provided by the Board of Directors as hereinbefore provided, all shares of Preferred Stock shall be identical, and each share of a series shall be identical in all respects with the other shares of the same series. When payment of the consideration for which shares of Preferred Stock are to be issued shall have been received by the Corporation, such shares shall be deemed to be fully paid and nonassessable.

C. Common Stock Voting Rights.

Each share of voting Common Stock shall have one vote per share in respect of all matters submitted to the vote of shareholders, including the election of directors. Except as may be expressly required by the laws of general applicability of the State of Florida, the holders of non-voting Common Stock shall not be entitled to vote on any matters submitted for the vote of stockholders, including but not limited to, the election of directors.

D. Preemptive Rights.

Holders of Common Stock shall not have as a matter of right any preemptive or preferential right to subscribe for, purchase, receive, or otherwise acquire any part of any new or additional issue of stock of any class, whether now or hereafter authorized, or of any bonds, debentures, notes, or other securities of the Corporation, whether or not convertible into shares of stock of the Corporation.

ARTICLE V

Directors

The number of Directors of the Corporation shall be the number from time to time fixed in accordance with the provisions of the bylaws of the Corporation, but at no time shall the number of Directors be less than one.

ARTICLE VI

Amendment of Articles of Incorporation

These Restated Articles of Incorporation may be amended in the manner from time to time prescribed by law.

ARTICLE VIII

Bylaws

The power to adopt, alter, amend or repeal bylaws shall be vested in the Board of Directors.

CERTIFICATE

The foregoing Restated Articles of Incorporation were adopted by the holders of outstanding shares of voting Common Stock, being the sole voting group entitled to vote thereon, by written action, and the number of votes cast for the Restated Articles of Incorporation by the shareholders was sufficient for approval by them.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned President and Chief Operating Officer of this Corporation has executed these Restated Articles of Incorporation on the 17th day of December, 2008.

THE PROSPERITY BANKING COMPANY

By:

James E. ("Eddie") Creamer, Jr.
President and Chief Operating Officer

STATE OF FLORIDA COUNTY OF ST. JOHNS

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this $\frac{10 + h}{10}$ day of December, 2008, by James E. ("Eddie") Creamer, Jr. as President and Chief Operating Officer for The Prosperity Banking Company

CHERYL REESE

Notary Public - State of Florida

Notary Public - State of Florida

Commission Expires Jun 16, 2010

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Bonded By National Notary Assn.

Printed Name: Cheryl Reese
Notary Public, State of Florida