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VIA FEDERAL EXPRESS

Ms. Karon Beyer Division of Corporations 409 East Gaines Street Tallahassee, Florida 32399

> Re: Southern Community Bancorp; Document No. P99000026845 Articles of Amendment to Articles of Incorporation

Dear Ms. Beyer:

Please find enclosed an amendment to the articles of incorporation of Southern Community Bancorp. Also enclosed is Shutts & Bowen's check payable to the Department of State in the amount of \$52.50, to cover the cost of filing the enclosed amendment and the return of two certified copies.

Thank you for your assistance in this regard. Should you have questions concerning any aspect of the foregoing or the enclosures, please do not hesitate to call me.

Sincerely.

Rod Jones

Enclosures

cc: Mr. Charlie W. Brinkley, Jr.

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ARTICLES OF AMENDMENT TO THE ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF SOUTHERN COMMUNITY BANCORP

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SECRETARY OF STATE TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA

Pursuant to the provisions of section 607.1003, Florida Statutes, SOUTHERN COMMUNITY BANCORP, a Florida profit corporation, adopts the following Articles of Amendment to its Articles of Incorporation:

FIRST:

Paragraph A. of Article III of the Articles of Incorporation of SOUTHERN COMMUNITY BANCORP, relating to the number of directors of the corporation, is hereby repealed in its entirety, and a new Paragraph A. of Article III is hereby adopted to read:

ARTICLE III

Board of Directors

A. <u>Number of Directors</u>. The business and affairs of the corporation shall be managed by or under the direction of a Board of Directors consisting of such number of directors as shall be specified in the bylaws of the corporation, as amended from time to time by the corporation's Board of Directors.

SECOND:

The foregoing amendment was adopted by resolution of the Board of Directors of the corporation by the unanimous written consent of the directors effective March ___, 2003 and, pursuant to the recommendation of the Board of Directors contained in such resolution, the amendment was approved by the holders of a majority of the shares entitled to vote thereon at the annual meeting of the shareholders held on April 17, 2003. Such vote was sufficient for approval of the amendment.

Signed this ______day of May, 2003.

HARLIE W. BRINKLEY, JR., Chairman and CEO

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