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**MERGER OR SHARE EXCHANGE  
SOUTH STATE CORPORATION**

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**ARTICLES OF MERGER**

The following articles of merger are submitted in accordance with the Florida Business Corporation Act, pursuant to section 607.1105, Florida Statutes.

**FIRST:** The name and jurisdiction of the **surviving** entity:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Jurisdiction</u>	<u>Entity Type</u>	<u>Document Number</u> (If known/ applicable)
<u>South State Corporation</u>	<u>South Carolina</u>	<u>Corporation</u>	<u></u>

**SECOND:** The name and jurisdiction of each **merging** eligible entity:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Jurisdiction</u>	<u>Entity Type</u>	<u>Document Number</u> (If known/ applicable)
<u>CenterState Bank Corporation</u>	<u>Florida</u>	<u>Corporation</u>	<u>P99000082771</u>
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**THIRD:** The merger was approved by each domestic merging corporation in accordance with s.607.1101(1)(b), F.S., and by the organic law governing the other parties to the merger.

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**FOURTH:** Please check one of the boxes that apply to surviving entity:

- ☐ This entity exists before the merger and is a domestic filing entity.
- ☒ This entity exists before the merger and is not authorized to transact business in Florida.
- ☐ This entity exists before the merger and is a domestic filing entity, and its Articles of Incorporation are being amended as attached.
- ☐ This entity is created by the merger and is a domestic corporation, and the Articles of Incorporation are attached.
- ☐ This entity is a domestic eligible entity and is not a domestic corporation and is being amended in connection with this merger as attached.
- ☐ This entity is a domestic eligible entity being created as a result of the merger. The public organic record of the survivor is attached.
- ☐ This entity is created by the merger and is a domestic limited liability partnership or a domestic limited liability partnership, its statement of qualification is attached.

**FIFTH:** Please check one of the boxes that apply to domestic corporations:

- ☒ The plan of merger was approved by the shareholders and each separate voting group as required.
- ☐ The plan of merger did not require approval by the shareholders.

**SIXTH:** Please check box below if applicable to foreign corporations

- ☒ The participation of the foreign corporation was duly authorized in accordance with the corporation's organic laws.

**SEVENTH:** Please check box below if applicable to domestic or foreign non corporation(s).

- ☐ Participation of the domestic or foreign non corporation(s) was duly authorized in accordance with each of such eligible entity's organic law.

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**EIGHTH:** If other than the date of filing, the delayed effective date of the merger, which cannot be prior to nor more than 90 days after the date this document is filed by the Florida Department of State:

The merger shall become effective on June 7, 2020 at 11:59 PM Eastern Time.

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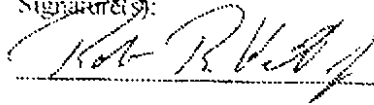
**NINTH:** Signature(s) for Each Party:

Name of Entity/Organization:

South State Corporation

CenterState Bank Corporation

Signature(s):



Typed or Printed  
Name of Individual:

Robert R. Hill, Jr., Chief Executive Officer

John C. Corbett, Chief Executive Officer

Corporations:

Chairman, Vice Chairman, President or Officer  
(If no directors selected, signature of incorporator.)

General partnerships:

Signature of a general partner or authorized person

Florida Limited Partnerships:

Signatures of all general partners

Non-Florida Limited Partnerships:

Signature of a general partner

Limited Liability Companies:

Signature of an authorized person

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**NINTH:** Signature(s) for Each Party:

Name of Entity/Organization:	Signature(s):	Typed or Printed Name of Individual:
South State Corporation	_____	Robert R. Hill, Jr., Chief Executive Officer
CenterState Bank Corporation	_____	John C. Corbett, Chief Executive Officer
_____	_____	_____
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