# UNITED STATES OF AMERICA BEFORE THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF THE FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM WASHINGTON, D.C.

Written Agreement by and between

NEIGHBORHOOD BANK CORPORATION Palatka, Florida

and

FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF ATLANTA Atlanta, Georgia Docket No. 10-197-WA/RB-HC

WHEREAS, Neighborhood Bank Corporation, Palatka, Florida ("Neighborhood"), a registered bank holding company, owns and controls Putnam State Bank, Palatka, Florida (the "Bank"), a state chartered nonmember bank, and a nonbank subsidiary;

WHEREAS, it is the common goal of Neighborhood and the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta (the "Reserve Bank") to maintain the financial soundness of Neighborhood so that Neighborhood may serve as a source of strength to the Bank;

WHEREAS, Neighborhood and the Reserve Bank have mutually agreed to enter into this Written Agreement (the "Agreement"); and

WHEREAS, on September 14, 2010, the board of directors of Neighborhood, at a duly constituted meeting, adopted a resolution authorizing and directing

Mr. L. Wayne McClain, to enter into this Agreement on behalf of Neighborhood, and consenting to compliance with each and every provision of this Agreement by Neighborhood and its

institution-affiliated parties, as defined in sections 3(u) and 8(b)(3) of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act, as amended (the "FDI Act")(12 U.S.C. §§ 1813(u) and 1818(b)(3)).

NOW, THEREFORE, Neighborhood and the Reserve Bank agree as follows:

# **Source of Strength**

1. The board of directors of Neighborhood shall take appropriate steps to fully utilize Neighborhood's financial and managerial resources, pursuant to section 225.4(a) of Regulation Y of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System (the "Board of Governors") (12 C.F.R. § 225.4(a)), to serve as a source of strength to the Bank, including, but not limited to, taking steps to ensure that the Bank complies with the Consent Order entered into with the FDIC on June 21, 2010 and any other supervisory action taken by the Bank's federal or state regulator.

#### **Dividends and Distributions**

- 2. (a) Neighborhood shall not declare or pay any dividends without the prior written approval of the Reserve Bank and the Director of the Division of Banking Supervision and Regulation (the "Director") of the Board of Governors.
- (b) Neighborhood shall not directly or indirectly take dividends or any other form of payment representing a reduction in capital from the Bank without the prior written approval of the Reserve Bank.
- (c) Neighborhood and its nonbank subsidiary shall not make any distributions of interest, principal, or other sums on subordinated debentures or trust preferred securities without the prior written approval of the Reserve Bank and the Director.
- (d) All requests for prior approval shall be received by the Reserve Bank at least 30 days prior to the proposed dividend declaration date, proposed distribution on

subordinated debentures, and required notice of deferral on trust preferred securities. All requests shall contain, at a minimum, current and projected information on Neighborhood's capital, earnings, and cash flow; the Bank's capital, asset quality, earnings, and allowance for loan and lease losses; and identification of the sources of funds for the proposed payment or distribution. For requests to declare or pay dividends, Neighborhood must also demonstrate that the requested declaration or payment of dividends is consistent with the Board of Governors' Policy Statement on the Payment of Cash Dividends by State Member Banks and Bank Holding Companies, dated November 14, 1985 (Federal Reserve Regulatory Service, 4-877 at page 4-323).

## **Debt and Stock Redemption**

- 3. (a) Neighborhood and its nonbank subsidiary shall not, directly or indirectly, incur, increase, or guarantee any debt without the prior written approval of the Reserve Bank.

  All requests for prior written approval shall contain, but not be limited to, a statement regarding the purpose of the debt, the terms of the debt, and the planned source(s) for debt repayment, and an analysis of the cash flow resources available to meet such debt repayment.
- (b) Neighborhood shall not, directly or indirectly, purchase or redeem any shares of its stock without the prior written approval of the Reserve Bank.

## **Compliance with Laws and Regulations**

4. (a) In appointing any new director or senior executive officer, or changing the responsibilities of any senior executive officer so that the officer would assume a different senior executive officer position, Neighborhood shall comply with the notice provisions of section 32 of the FDI Act (12 U.S.C. § 1831i) and Subpart H of Regulation Y of the Board of Governors (12 C.F.R. §§ 225.71 *et seq.*).

(b) Neighborhood shall comply with the restrictions on indemnification and severance payments of section 18(k) of the FDI Act (12 U.S.C. § 1828(k)) and Part 359 of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation's regulations (12 C.F.R. Part 359).

# **Progress Reports**

5. Within 30 days after the end of each calendar quarter following the date of this Agreement, the board of directors shall submit to the Reserve Bank written progress reports detailing the form and manner of all actions taken to secure compliance with the provisions of this Agreement and the results thereof, and a parent company only balance sheet, income statement, and, as applicable, a report of changes in stockholders' equity.

## **Communications**

- 6. All communications regarding this Agreement shall be sent to:
  - (a) Mr. Robert Hawkins
    Assistant Vice President
    Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta
    1000 Peachtree Street, N.E.
    Atlanta, Georgia 30309-4470
  - (b) Mr. L. Wayne McClain
    President and Chief Executive Officer
    Neighborhood Bank Corporation
    350 North State Road 19
    Palatka, Florida 32177

#### Miscellaneous

7. Notwithstanding any provision of this Agreement, the Reserve Bank may, in its sole discretion, grant written extensions of time to Neighborhood to comply with any provision of this Agreement.

8. The provisions of this Agreement shall be binding upon Neighborhood and its

institution-affiliated parties, in their capacities as such, and their successors and assigns.

9. Each provision of this Agreement shall remain effective and enforceable until

stayed, modified, terminated, or suspended in writing by the Reserve Bank.

10. The provisions of this Agreement shall not bar, estop, or otherwise prevent the

Board of Governors, the Reserve Bank, or any other federal or state agency from taking any

other action affecting Neighborhood, the Bank, and any nonbank subsidiary of Neighborhood or

any of their current or former institution-affiliated parties and their successors and assigns.

11. Pursuant to section 50 of the FDI Act (12 U.S.C. § 1831aa), this Agreement is

enforceable by the Board of Governors under section 8 of the FDI Act (12 U.S.C. § 1818).

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have caused this Agreement to be executed as of

the 20<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2010.

NEIGHBORHOOD BANK CORPORATION

FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF ATLANTA

By: /s/ L. Wayne McClain

L. Wayne McClain

President and Chief Executive Officer

By: /s/ Robert D. Hawkins

Robert D. Hawkins

Assistant Vice President

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