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I, EDWARD J. FREEL, SECRETARY OF STATE OF THE STATE OF
DELAWARE, DO HEREBY CERTIFY THE ATTACHED IS A TRUE AND CORRECT
COPY OF THE CERTIFICATE OF MERGER, WHICH MERGES:

"FIRSTIER FINANCIAL, INC.", A NEBRASKA CORPORATION,

WITH AND INTO "FIRST BANK SYSTEM, INC." UNDER THE NAME OF "FIRST BANK SYSTEM, INC.", A CORPORATION ORGANIZED AND EXISTING UNDER THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF DELAWARE, AS RECEIVED AND FILED IN THIS OFFICE THE SIXTEENTH DAY OF FEBRUARY, A.D. 1996, AT 1:30 O'CLOCK P.M.

A CERTIFIED COPY OF THIS CERTIFICATE HAS BEEN FORWARDED TO THE NEW CASTLE COUNTY RECORDER OF DEEDS FOR RECORDING.



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CERTIFICATE OF MERGER OF FIRSTIER FINANCIAL, INC. INTO FIRST BANK SYSTEM, INC.

Pursuant to Section 252 of the Delaware General Corporation Law, the undersigned Senior Vice President and Controller of First Bank System, Inc. hereby certifies that:

- 1. The constituent corporations are: FirsTier Financial, Inc., a Nebraska corporation, and First Bank System, Inc., a Delaware corporation.
- 2. An Agreement of Merger and Consolidation has been approved, adopted, certified, executed and acknowledged by each of the constituent corporations in accordance with Section 252(c) of the Delaware General Corporation Law.
 - 3. The surviving corporation shall be First Bank System, Inc.
- 4. The certificate of incorporation of First Bank System, Inc. shall be the certificate of incorporation of the surviving corporation.
- 5. The executed Agreement of Merger and Consolidation is on file at the principal office of First Bank System, Inc. at First Bank Place, 601 Second Avenue South, Minneapolis, Minnesota 55402-4302.
- 6. A copy of the Agreement of Merger and Consolidation will be furnished by First Bank System, Inc., on request and without cost, to any stockholder of either constituent corporation.
- 7. The authorized capital stock of FirsTier Financial, Inc. consists of 40,000,000 shares of Common Stock, \$5.00 par value, and 2,000,000 shares of Preferred Stock, \$30.00 par value.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, First Bank System, Inc. has caused this certificate to be executed by David J. Parrin, its Senior Vice President and Controller, this February 16, 1996.

EIRST BANK SYSTEM, INC.

David J. Parrin

Senior Vice President and Controller

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