

SUNTRUST BANKS INC

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**PROXY**

**Annual Meeting of Shareholders to be Held April 17, 2007.**

**This Proxy is Solicited by the Board of Directors.**

The undersigned hereby appoints Mark A. Chancy and Raymond D. Fortin, and each of them, proxies with full power of substitution, to vote for the undersigned all shares of the Common Stock of SunTrust Banks, Inc. (the Company ) that the undersigned would be entitled to vote if personally present at the Annual Meeting of Shareholders to be held on Tuesday, April 17, 2007, at 9:30 a.m. local time, in Suite 105 on the 1<sup>st</sup> floor of SunTrust Plaza Garden Offices, 303 Peachtree Center Avenue, Atlanta, Georgia, and at any adjournments thereof, upon the matters described on the reverse hereof and in the accompanying Proxy Statement dated March 9, 2007, and upon any other business that may properly come before such Annual Meeting or any adjournments thereof.

Pursuant to the Proxy Statement, said proxies are directed to vote as indicated on the reverse hereof, and otherwise as the Board of Directors may recommend with respect to any other business that may properly come before the meeting or at any adjournment thereof. By the execution of this Proxy, I acknowledge receipt of a copy of the Notice of Annual Meeting of Shareholders and Proxy Statement dated March 9, 2007 and a copy of the SunTrust Banks, Inc. 2006 Annual Report.

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**THIS PROXY WILL BE VOTED AS DIRECTED, OR, IF NO DIRECTION IS INDICATED, WILL BE VOTED AS RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS.**

**DIRECTORS RECOMMEND VOTING FOR PROPOSALS 1, 2, 3 AND 5:**

1. Proposal to elect as Directors: (01) Robert M. Beall, II, (02) Jeffrey C. Crowe, (03) J. Hicks Lanier, (04) Larry L. Prince, (05) Frank S. Royal, M.D., and (06) Phail Wynn, Jr. to serve until the Annual Meeting of Shareholders in 2010, and (07) James M. Wells III to serve until the Annual Meeting of Shareholders in 2009.  
  
 **FOR** all nominees listed above (except as indicated to the contrary).  
  
 **WITHHOLD AUTHORITY** to vote for all nominees listed above.

**INSTRUCTIONS: To withhold authority to vote for any individual nominee, write his or her name on the line below:**

2. Proposal to amend the Articles of Incorporation of the Company regarding the rights and preferences of preferred stock.  
  
 **FOR**       **AGAINST**       **ABSTAIN**
3. Proposal to amend the Bylaws of the Company to provide that directors be elected annually.  
  
 **FOR**       **AGAINST**       **ABSTAIN**
5. Proposal to ratify the appointment of Ernst & Young LLP as independent auditors for 2007.  
  
 **FOR**       **AGAINST**       **ABSTAIN**

**DIRECTORS RECOMMEND VOTING AGAINST PROPOSAL 4:**

4. Shareholder proposal regarding majority voting for the election of directors.  
  
 **FOR**       **AGAINST**       **ABSTAIN**

Signature(s) of Shareholder

Date \_\_\_\_\_, 2007

**IMPORTANT:** Please date and sign this Proxy exactly as your name or names appear hereon; if shares are held jointly, all joint owners must sign. An executor, administrator, trustee, guardian, or other person signing in a representative capacity, must give his or her full title. A corporation must sign in full corporate name by its president or other authorized officer. A partnership must sign in partnership name by an authorized person.

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**DETACH CARD**

Please detach proxy at perforation before mailing.

**OR YOU MAY VOTE VIA THE INTERNET OR BY TELEPHONE.**

*If you are voting via the Internet or by telephone, please do not mail your proxy.*

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Go online to  
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Call **toll-free** using a  
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**To Change Your Vote**

Any subsequent vote by any means will change your prior vote. For example, if you voted by telephone, a subsequent Internet vote will change your vote. The last vote received before 1:00 a.m. Central Time, April 17, 2007, will be the one counted. You may also revoke your proxy by voting in person at the Annual Meeting.

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**INSTRUCTIONS TO THE SUNTRUST BANKS, INC. 401(k) PLAN TRUSTEE**

The undersigned hereby directs that all shares of SunTrust Banks, Inc. Common Stock allocated to his/her account under the SunTrust Banks, Inc. 401(k) Plan be voted at the SunTrust Banks, Inc. Annual Meeting of Shareholders to be held April 17, 2007, and at any adjournment thereof, in accordance with the following instructions for the matters described herein. For any other business that may properly come before the Annual Meeting, all such shares shall be voted as the Board of Directors may recommend. **This instruction is solicited by the Board of Directors. If you do not return your card, the Plan Trustee will not vote your shares.**

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Date \_\_\_\_\_, 2007

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

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March 9, 2007

To our employee shareholders:

It is through your efforts that SunTrust can deliver on its promise of Seeing beyond money. You know that the dreams of every client and the demands of every transaction and project deserve your very best efforts.

As employees and as shareholders through the SunTrust 401(k) Plan, your skills and energy produce the earnings growth our shareholders expect year after year. We count on you to vote your shares on the important issues to be brought before the Annual Meeting of Shareholders to be held April 17, 2007.

The Instructions to the Plan Trustee card enclosed gives you the guidelines you need. **Please note that the Plan Trustee can vote your shares only if you vote. Choose the method most convenient for you by Internet, telephone or mail.**

In addition, we are sending you the *Proxy Statement* describing the business of the 2006 Annual Meeting.

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Sincerely,

James M. Wells III

President and

Chief Executive Officer

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