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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP**

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*<br><u>FINDLAY DAVID M</u><br><br>(Last) (First) (Middle)<br><u>LAKELAND FINANCIAL CORPORATION</u><br><u>P.O. BOX 1387</u><br><br>(Street)<br><u>WARSAW IN 46581-1387</u><br><br>(City) (State) (Zip) | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol<br><u>LAKELAND FINANCIAL CORP [ LKFN ]</u> | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)<br>Director 10% Owner<br>X Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)<br><u>President &amp; CEO</u> |
|   | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)<br><u>02/05/2019</u>                  |   |
|   | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)                               | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)<br>X Form filed by One Reporting Person<br>Form filed by More than One Reporting Person                               |

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) |   | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) |            |       | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|------------|-------|---|--|---|
|                                 |                                      |  | Code                           | V | Amount  | (A) or (D) | Price |   |  |   |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   |   |            |       | 152,054   | D  |   |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   |   |            |       | 22,632  | I  | 401(k) Plan   |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   |   |            |       | 3,000   | I  | By Spouse   |

**Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) |   | 5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) |     | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) |                           | 7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4) | 10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |       |
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|  |  |                                      |  | Code                           | V | (A)  | (D) | Date Exercisable   | Expiration Date           |   |  |  |   |  | Title |
| Restricted Stock Units <sup>(1)</sup>      | \$0 <sup>(2)</sup>                                     | 02/05/2019                           |  | A                              |   | 16,000   |     | 02/01/2022   | 02/01/2022 <sup>(3)</sup> | Common Stock  | 16,000                                     | \$0  | 16,000  | D  |       |
| Restricted Stock Units <sup>(1)</sup>      | \$0 <sup>(2)</sup>                                     |                                      |  |                                |   |  |     | 02/01/2021   | 02/01/2021 <sup>(3)</sup> | Common Stock  | 16,000                                     |  | 16,000  | D  |       |
| Restricted Stock Units <sup>(1)</sup>      | \$0 <sup>(2)</sup>                                     |                                      |  |                                |   |  |     | 02/01/2020   | 02/01/2020 <sup>(3)</sup> | Common Stock  | 16,200                                     |  | 16,200  | D  |       |

**Explanation of Responses:**

- The Restricted Stock Units are subject to forfeiture based on corporate performance criteria.
- Each Restricted Stock Unit exercises into 1 share of Common Stock.
- Restricted Stock Unit awards are a conditional promise to transfer a share at a specific future date and do not have an expiration date.

Teresa A. Bartman, Attorney- 02/05/2019  
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\*\* Signature of Reporting Person Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

\* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4 (b)(v).

\*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

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