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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Hurford Jennifer M Issuer Symbol LAKELAND FINANCIAL CORP (Check all applicable) [LKFN] 10% Owner (Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction Director X_ Officer (give title Other (specify (Month/Day/Year) below) LAKELAND FINANCIAL 02/02/2018 SVP & Treasurer CORPORATION, P.O. BOX 1387 (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting WARSAW, IN 46581-1387 (City) (State) (Zip)

(City)	(State)	Table	e I - Non-D	erivative	Secur	ities Acq	uired, Disposed of	, or Beneficial	ly Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)		3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired on(A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code V	Amount	or (D)	Price	(Instr. 3 and 4)		
Common Stock	02/02/2018		M	975	A	\$0	2,061	D	
Common Stock	02/02/2018		F	360	D	\$ 48.21	1,701	D	
Common Stock							342	I	401(k) Plan

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

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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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	Deri Secu Acq (A) (Disp of (I	vative urities uired or bosed D) tr. 3, 4,	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Restricted Stock Units (1)	\$ 0 (2)	02/02/2018		M		975	02/01/2018	02/01/2018(3)	Common Stock	975 (4)
Restricted Stock Units (1)	\$ 0 (2)						02/01/2019	02/01/2019(3)	Common Stock	750
Restricted Stock Units (1)	\$ 0 (2)						02/01/2020	02/01/2020(3)	Common Stock	1,350
Restricted Stock Units (1)	\$ 0 (2)						02/01/2021	02/01/2021(3)	Common Stock	1,350

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships	
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Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Hurford Jennifer M LAKELAND FINANCIAL CORPORATION P.O. BOX 1387 WARSAW, IN 46581-1387

SVP & Treasurer

Signatures

Teresa A. Bartman, Attorney-in-Fact 02/06/2018

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

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- * 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).
- (1) The Restricted Stock Units are subject to forfeiture based on corporate performance criteria.
- (2) Each Restricted Stock Unit exercises into 1 share of Common Stock.
- (3) Restricted Stock Unit awards are a conditional promise to transfer a share at a specific futurue date and do not have an expiration date.
- (4) Shares adjusted due to performance criteria.

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