

INDEPENDENCE HOLDING CO  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
 Giordano Alex

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
 INDEPENDENCE HOLDING CO  
 [IHC]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 11/20/2006

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
 VP and Chief Marketing Officer

96 CUMMINGS POINT RD  
 (Street)

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

STAMFORD, CT 06902  
 (City) (State) (Zip)

**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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V Amount (A) or (D) Price			
Common Stock	11/20/2006		M	433 A \$ 3.88	31,540	D	
Common Stock	11/20/2006		S	250 D \$ 21.15	31,290	D	
Common Stock	11/20/2006		M	6,722 A \$ 9.39	38,012	D	
Common Stock	11/20/2006		S	4,450 D \$ 21.15	33,562	D	
Common Stock	11/21/2006		M	16,103 A \$ 9.39	49,665	D	

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Common Stock      11/21/2006      S      10,900      D      \$ 20.36      38,765      D

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

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**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 Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	Amount or Number of Shares
stock option (right to buy)	\$ 3.88	11/20/2006		M	433	01/01/2000 12/31/2000	Common Stock	433
stock option (right to buy)	\$ 9.39	11/20/2006		M	6,722	02/19/2005 02/18/2007	Common Stock	6,722
stock option (right to buy)	\$ 9.39	11/21/2006		M	16,103	02/19/2005 02/18/2007	Common Stock	16,103

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Giordano Alex 96 CUMMINGS POINT RD STAMFORD, CT 06902			VP and Chief Marketing Officer	

## Signatures

Alex Giordano

11/22/2006

\*\*Signature of  
Reporting Person

Date

## Explanation of Responses:

\* 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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