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**NEWS RELEASE**

MINNESOTA BANKS HONORED FOR COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

EDEN PRAIRIE, MN – February 19, 2020 – The Minnesota Bankers Association (MBA) has recognized 40 Minnesota banks for their exceptional community involvement. Banks play a vital role in their communities and to honor and recognize their involvement, the MBA created the **Community Champion** recognition program.

The 40 banks recognized as 2020 Community Champions worked with hundreds of organizations in their communities, providing funding, volunteers, materials, supplies, or food for their neighbors. They range in size from local community banks to larger banks with multiple branches and represent nearly the entire state in communities from north to south and east to west.

In total, these banks donated over \$3.1 million to their communities and worked with an average of 45 organizations each in the past year. These organizations included the American Red Cross, Meals on Wheels, United Way, Salvation Army, American Cancer Society, Girl Scouts, Junior Achievement, Feed My Starving Children, local schools, churches, and non-profits. 2,183 employees from these banks dedicated over 92,500 hours at a variety of volunteer events or programs in 2019.

MBA President/CEO Joe Witt congratulated the recipients. “As this recognition highlights, Minnesota banks continue to demonstrate an extraordinary level of commitment to the communities they serve,” said Witt. “In addition to providing the capital that helps families and local businesses thrive, the banking industry’s record of supporting local programs is second to none. The MBA is pleased to recognize these 40 banks for their commitment to making a real difference in their local communities.”

The MBA 2020 Community Champion recipients are:

American Bank of the North

*Biwabik, Chisholm, Cook,
Grand Rapids, Hibbing, Mt. Iron, Nashwauk, Orr*

Americana Community Bank

Chanassan, Maple Grove, Sleepy Eye

BankVista

Chaska, Mankato, Sartell

Bridgewater Bank

*Bloomington, Downtown Minneapolis, Greenwood, Orono,
St. Louis Park, St. Paul, Uptown*

Center National Bank

Litchfield, Plymouth

Choice Bank

Bloomington, Eagan, Golden Valley, Roseville

Citizens Bank & Trust Co.

Hutchinson

Citizens Bank Minnesota

La Salle, Lafayette, Lakeville, New Ulm

Citizens Independent Bank

Hopkins, Plymouth, Robbinsdale, St. Louis Park

Community Resource Bank
Cannon Falls, Northfield, Roseville

Eagle Bank
Elbow Lake, Glenwood, Starbuck, Villard, Wendell

F&M Savings Bank
Lino Lakes, Vadnais Heights

Farmers & Merchants State Bank of Springfield
Morgan, Springfield

Financial Security Bank
Albertville, Kerkhoven

First Farmers & Merchants Bank
*Bellechester, Cannon Falls, Goodhue,
Le Sueur, Red Wing, White Rock*

**First Farmers & Merchants
National Bank**
Luverne, Pipestone

First National Bank Bemidji
Bemidji

First National Bank Minnesota
Gaylord, Mankato, St. Peter

First National Bank of Milaca
Gilman, Isle, Milaca, Zimmerman

First National Bank of Moose Lake
Moose Lake

First Security Bank – Canby
Canby, Lake Benton

First Security Bank
Byron

Frandsen Bank & Trust
All Locations

Janesville State Bank
Janesville

Lake City Federal Bank
Lake City

Merchants Bank
All locations

MidCountry Bank
All locations

Midwest Bank
*Barnesville, Callaway, Dalton, Detroit Lakes, Parkers Prairie,
Waubun*

North Shore Bank
Cloquet, Duluth, Hermantown, Lakeside, Woodland, Superior, WI

Northeast Bank
Coon Rapids, Minneapolis, New Brighton

Park State Bank
Duluth, Minneapolis

Pioneer Bank
*Lake Crystal, Lewisville, Madelia, Mapleton, Mankato, North
Mankato, St. James, St. Peter*

Premier Bank
*Andover, Blaine, Hugo, Maplewood, Osseo, Roseville, White Bear
Lake, Woodbury*

Premier Bank
*37th Street, Downtown Rochester, Green Meadows, North
Broadway*

Premier Bank Minnesota
*Albertville, Bloomington, Faribault, Farmington, Hastings,
Monticello, Northfield, Owatonna*

Roundbank
Farmington, New Prague, Waldorf, Waseca

Security State Bank of Hibbing
Hibbing

Star Bank
*Annandale, Barrett, Bertha, Eagle Bend, Eden Prairie, Elbow
Lake, Graceville, Maple Lake, Verndale, Wheaton*

United Community Bank
Dent, Frazee, Perham

Village Bank
Blaine, East Bethel, Ramsey, St. Francis

The Minnesota Bankers Association is the state's largest trade association devoted exclusively to the representation of commercial banks. The MBA was founded in 1889 and represents 95% of Minnesota's chartered banks. The MBA is proud to support our member banks as they work to ensure vital communities throughout the state. For more information, please visit our website at www.minnbankers.com.

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