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FIRST STATE BANK WELCOMES KAT MCELROY

FRANKLIN, Tenn. – First State Bank welcomes a new commercial lender, Kat McElroy, to their team. McElroy is located at 1203 Murfreesboro Rd., Ste. 170 in Franklin. First State offers banking, mortgage and lending services through this office. As a member of First State, she will be responsible for developing and servicing commercial client relationships with a full line of financial services.

McElroy is a graduate of Battle Ground Academy in Franklin and the University of Alabama where she received an undergraduate degree in Marketing. With more than eleven years of experience in the banking industry, McElroy most recently worked for Franklin Synergy Bank as a commercial lender. She is currently a board member of the 21st Drug Court in Franklin and has worked with the Heritage Foundation, BGA young alumni and Youth Leadership Franklin. McElroy is a life-long resident of Franklin.

“We are extremely excited to welcome Kat to our team here at First State,” said Chuck Lanier, regional bank president for First State Bank in Franklin. She has been in the banking industry for many years and brings a wealth of knowledge and experience in both retail and commercial lending. Kat’s love for the community she grew up in and focus on customer relationships are great assets to our team and we are very happy to have her.”

“Being able to work for a community-minded and customer-focused company that has been around for more than 125 years is such a great opportunity,” said McElroy. “First State offers all of the products and services that a large financial institution does, all while maintaining the small, hometown community feel. I am excited to join this elite

team of banking professionals that have a commitment to excellent customer service and really understand banking. I look forward to serving this great community that I get to call my home.”

First State Bank has 31 full-service banking locations in 25 communities throughout West, Middle and East Tennessee. It is owned by Community First Bancshares, a holding company headquartered in Union City, Tenn., which also operates a mortgage company, an insurance company, a specialized ag services division, investment services, a consumer finance company, an employee benefits division, a specialized trust services division, and an indirect auto financing division at various locations across the state.

The banking company has assets totaling over \$1.7 billion. The banking company has offices in the communities of Blount, Davidson, Dyer, Gibson, Haywood, Henderson, Knox, Madison, Obion, Robertson, Shelby, Sumner, Tipton, Weakley, and Williamson counties in Tennessee. Its metropolitan markets include Collierville, Franklin, Gallatin, Goodlettsville, Hendersonville, Jackson, Knoxville, Nashville, White House, and Memphis.

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