

KS BANK WELCOMES MARK EASON AS COMMERCIAL RELATIONSHIP MANAGER, SVP

(SMITHFIELD, N.C.) – KS Bank, Inc. is proud to announce the addition of Mark Eason as Commercial Relationship Manager and Senior Vice President. In this role, Eason will help expand deposit and loan growth throughout Harnett County focusing on the Lillington, Angier, and Coats communities.

Eason brings nearly 20 years of banking experience, most recently serving as Lillington Area Executive and Senior Vice President at a large regional bank. Over the course of his career, he has distinguished himself by building strong relationships with local businesses and civic organizations and managing high-performing loan and deposit portfolios.

"Having worked alongside Mark in the past, I've witnessed his dedication to serving clients with genuine care and insight," said Travis Bailey, KS Bank's Chief Administrative Officer. "He has an incredible ability to understand the needs of local businesses and deliver tailored solutions, which makes him an outstanding addition to our team."

Earl W. Worley, Jr., President/CEO of KS Bank, added, "We are thrilled to welcome Mark to KS Bank. His reputation for creating trust-based partnerships and championing local business growth is perfectly aligned with our mission. Together with Judy Page, our Commercial Relationship Manager in Dunn, Mark will help us deepen our impact in Harnett County."

Reflecting on his new role, Eason shared, "I'm excited to be part of KS Bank and to support its commitment to helping our communities grow. My passion is connecting with local businesses, listening to their goals, and working alongside them to succeed - right here at home."

A Harnett County native, Eason lives in Lillington with his family. He graduated from Hampden-Sydney College in Virginia and serves as President of the Downtown Dunn Development Corporation Board.

About KS Bank

For more than 100 years, KS Bank has proudly served the Triangle East region of North Carolina. A state-chartered savings bank, KS Bank is a community-focused financial institution offering a wide range of competitive services for businesses, professionals, individuals, and

families. Its offerings include retail and commercial lending, deposit services, mortgage products, and wealth management through its Trust Division. Headquartered in Smithfield, NC, KS Bank operates eleven financial centers across Harnett, Johnston, Nash, Wake, Wayne, and Wilson Counties. To learn more about KS Bank, call (919) 938-3101, visit ksbankinc.com, or connect with us on Facebook and LinkedIn.