KS Bank Named Among the Top Extraordinary Banks in the Nation



SMITHFIELD, NC – KS Bank was just named among the top extraordinary banks in the United States by The Institute for Extraordinary BankingTM.

KS Bank was recognized with the Institute's BankyTM Award for its commitment to strong community banking. This recognition is given to top community banks across the country to help people find the best banks in their communities. They also received the Above-and-Beyond Customer Service BankyTM Award for their systems and follow-through that create a consistent level of proven, exemplary customer service. Additionally, they were awarded the Thought Leader BankyTM Award for raising the standards of banking practices with excellence in unique and cutting-edge practices while achieving exemplary financial results.

"We are honored to be recognized as an extraordinary bank by the Institute for Extraordinary BankingTM. This award recognizes financially sound, highly effective, community-focused banks and we are proud to be among such an elite group of community banks. Our team has done a fantastic job of making sure our banking practices reflect the needs of our customers while always providing top-notch service," said Earl W. Worley, Jr., President/CEO of KS Bank.

The Extraordinary BankingTM Awards highlight the vital yet often overlooked role that local community banks play in our nation's economy. Without a vibrant local banking industry, our small businesses and families often lack the have-your-back support of a true community bank that makes communities really thrive. The Extraordinary BankingTM Awards recognize the best of what community banks offer to our cities, towns, and nation: a true commitment to the success of the small businesses and local community they serve.

Roxanne Emmerich, Chair and Founder of The Institute for Extraordinary BankingTM, proclaimed during the awards ceremony: "Community banks are the backbone of America. They are what keeps a

community thriving. When a community bank leaves a community, small businesses often struggle to stay, and jobs leave. Every robust community has a strong community bank that understands how to help that community thrive and grow."

About KS Bank

For over 98 years, KS Bank has served the Triangle East region of North Carolina. KS Bank, a state-chartered savings bank, is a community-oriented financial institution offering a broad array of competitive and pro-growth financial services to businesses, professionals, individuals, and families. KS Bank offers retail and commercial lending and deposit services, mortgage products, and wealth management services through its Trust Division. KS Bank corporate office is located in Smithfield, NC and operates nine financial centers in Johnston, Wake, Wilson, and Wayne Counties. A loan production office is located in Dunn, NC.