WSFS Financial Corporation Completes Sale of Five New Jersey-Based Beneficial Retail Banking Offices to The Bank of Princeton

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WSFS remains on track to successfully convert and rebrand all Beneficial banking offices and systems to WSFS Bank.

WILMINGTON, Del., May 17, 2019 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- WSFS Financial Corporation (Nasdaq: WSFS) (“WSFS”), the parent company of WSFS Bank, has completed the sale of five Beneficial Bank retail banking offices in New Jersey with approximately $180 million in deposits to The Bank of Princeton (“Bank of Princeton”), a New Jersey-based financial institution. The sale includes five Beneficial retail banking offices in Bordentown, Browns Mills, Chesterfield, Deptford and Sicklerville, all in New Jersey.

WSFS previously announced a retail banking office optimization plan to consolidate and divest of 30 retail banking offices, or 25%, of the combined WSFS and Beneficial retail network. The plan includes the sale of these five Beneficial retail offices to Bank of Princeton, and the consolidation of 25 WSFS and Beneficial retail locations. Most of the consolidations will be completed during the conversion and rebranding of the remaining Beneficial banking offices in late August 2019. Upon completion of its optimization plan, WSFS Bank will serve Customers of the Greater Delaware Valley from 90 retail locations in Delaware, the City of Philadelphia, Southeastern Pennsylvania and Southern New Jersey.

“We are pleased to have partnered with Bank of Princeton on this important transaction and believe that the Associates and Customers at these locations are in very good hands,” said Rodger Levenson, President and CEO of WSFS. “The sale of these five offices marks another significant milestone on our journey to integrate Beneficial Bank into WSFS Bank. We are executing our integration plans on schedule, and I thank our talented Associates who continue to perform this important work while delivering stellar service to our Customers.”

About WSFS Financial Corporation

WSFS Financial Corporation is a multi-billion dollar financial services company. Its primary subsidiary, WSFS Bank, is the oldest and largest locally-managed bank and trust company headquartered in Delaware and the Delaware Valley. As of March 31, 2019, WSFS Financial Corporation had $12.2 billion in assets on its balance sheet and $19.0 billion in assets under management and administration. WSFS operates from 152 offices located in Delaware (49), Pennsylvania (72), New Jersey (29), Virginia (1) and Nevada (1) and provides comprehensive financial services including commercial banking, retail banking, cash management and trust and wealth management. Other subsidiaries or divisions include Beneficial Equipment Finance Corporation, Cash Connect®, Christiana Trust Group, Cypress Capital Management, LLC, NewLane Finance, Powdermill Financial Solutions, WSFS Institutional Services, WSFS Wealth Investments, West Capital Management, and WSFS Mortgage and Arrow Land Transfer. Serving the greater Delaware Valley since 1832, WSFS Bank is one of the ten oldest banks in the United States continuously operating under the same name. For more information, please visit wsfsbank.com.

Forward-Looking Statements

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Such risks and uncertainties include, but are not limited to, those related to difficult market conditions and unfavorable economic trends in the United States generally, and particularly in the markets in which the Company operates and in which its loans are concentrated, including the effects of declines in housing markets, an increase in unemployment levels and slowdowns in economic growth; the Company's level of nonperforming assets and the costs associated with resolving problem loans including litigation and other costs; possible additional loan losses and impairment of the collectability of loans; changes in market interest rates which may increase funding costs and reduce earning asset yields and thus reduce margin; the impact of changes in interest rates and the credit quality and strength of underlying collateral and the effect of such changes on the market value of the Company's investment securities portfolio; the credit risk associated with the substantial amount of commercial real estate, construction and land development, and commercial and industrial loans in our loan portfolio; the extensive federal and state regulation, supervision and examination governing almost every aspect of the Company's operations including the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act (the Dodd- Frank Act) the Economic Growth, Regulatory Relief, and Consumer Protection Act (which amended the Dodd-Frank Act), and the rules and regulations issued in accordance therewith and potential expenses associated with complying with such regulations; the Company's ability to comply with applicable capital and liquidity requirements (including the finalized Basel III capital standards), including our ability to generate liquidity internally or raise capital on favorable terms; possible changes in trade, monetary and fiscal policies, laws and regulations and other activities of governments, agencies, and similar organizations; any impairment of the Company's goodwill or other intangible assets; failure of the financial and operational controls of the Company's Cash Connect® division; conditions in the financial markets that may limit the Company's access to additional funding to meet its liquidity needs; the success of the Company's growth plans, including the successful integration of past and future acquisitions; including the acquisition of Beneficial; the Company's ability to fully realize the cost savings and other benefits of its acquisitions, manage risks related to business disruption following those acquisitions, and post-acquisition customer acceptance of the Company's products and services and related Customer disintermediation; negative perceptions or publicity with respect to the Company's trust and wealth management business; adverse judgments or other resolution of pending and future legal proceedings, and cost incurred in defending such proceedings; system failure or cybersecurity incidents or other breaches of the Company's network security; the Company's ability to recruit and retain key employees; the effects of problems encountered by other financial institutions that adversely affect the Company or the banking industry generally; the effects of weather and natural disasters such as floods, droughts, wind, tornadoes and hurricanes as well as effects from geopolitical instability and man-made disasters including terrorist attacks; possible changes in the speed of loan prepayments by the Company's customers and loan origination or sales volumes; possible changes in the speed of prepayments of mortgage-backed securities due to changes in the interest rate environment, and the related acceleration of premium amortization on prepayments in the event that prepayments accelerate; regulatory limits on the Company's ability to receive dividends from its subsidiaries and pay dividends to its stockholders; the effects of any reputation, credit, interest rate, market, operational, legal, liquidity, regulatory and compliance risk resulting from developments related to any of the risks discussed above; and the costs associated with resolving any problem loans, litigation, and other risks and uncertainties, including those discussed in the Company's Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2018 and any updates to those risk factors set forth in the Company’s Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q, Currents Reports on Form 8-K and other documents filed by the Company with the Securities and Exchange Commission from time to time.

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