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Washington Federal Declares Cash Dividend

SEATTLE, WASHINGTON – The Board of Directors of Washington Federal, Inc. (NASDAQ-WAFD), today announced a quarterly cash dividend of 10 cents per share. The dividend will be payable on January 17, 2014 to common stockholders of record on January 3, 2014. This will be Washington Federal's 124th consecutive quarterly cash dividend.

Washington Federal, Inc. is the parent company of Washington Federal, a national bank that operates 232 offices in Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Utah, Nevada, Arizona, Texas and New Mexico. Established in 1917, the Company provides consumer and commercial deposit accounts, insurance products and financing for small to middle market businesses, commercial real estate and residential real estate, including consumer mortgages and home equity lines of credit. As of September 30, 2013, the Company reported \$13.1 billion in assets, \$9.1 billion in deposits and \$1.9 billion in stockholders' equity.

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