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April Yields \$7 Million in New Loans for Magnolia State Bank

Bay Springs, MS (May 1, 2009) - Magnolia State Bank made \$7 million in new loans in the month of April. This loan volume bucks the perception that banks are not lending but rather indicates a trend of traditional banks increasing their lending during the recession.

“This was one of the largest months in terms of loan volume that the bank has experienced,” said Thomas E. Brown, Chairman & CEO. “These were all new loans and not renewals of existing loans.”

The loans were evenly distributed in the communities Magnolia State Bank serves. The loans ranged from commercial, commercial construction, residential, home, timber and auto. Magnolia State Bank also notified customers with existing loans who have been impacted by layoffs informing them that deferrals of their loan payments will be automatic until they resume work.

“Magnolia State Bank wants to continue proving to our customers that we are worthy of their trust,” said Brown. “We are here when people need us the most.”

Magnolia State Bank offers full-service banking services with offices in Bay Springs, Heidelberg, Taylorsville, Laurel and Petal. Magnolia State Bank deposits are insured to the maximum allowable amount by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC). Each bank location has a full-service loan department. In 2006, Magnolia State Bank was voted #1 Financial Institution by Readers Choice. Magnolia State Bank also has been awarded the highest rating of five stars by Bauer Financial Reports, Inc.

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