



Commencement Bank Announces Common Stock Dividend

TACOMA, Wash – On January 16, 2018, Commencement Bank (OTCQX:CBWA) announced that its board of directors unanimously approved a one-time, 10-percent stock dividend on the company’s common stock outstanding, payable on February 15, 2018 to shareholders of record at the close of business on January 30, 2018. The dividend will be issued in the form of additional shares of common stock. Cash will be paid in lieu of fractional shares based on the closing price of the stock as of the record date.

This is the second dividend the Bank has declared for its shareholders; however, it is the first stock dividend issued.

“We are very pleased with the Bank’s 2017 performance and would like to recognize our shareholders for their ongoing support and loyalty,” said John Manolides, President and Chief Operating Officer.

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About Commencement Bank

Commencement Bank, headquartered in Tacoma, Washington, was formed in 2006 to provide traditional, reliable, and sustainable banking in Pierce, South King, Thurston counties and the surrounding areas. Their team of banking experts focuses on personal attention, flexible service, and building strong relationships with customers through state of the art technology as well as traditional delivery systems. As a local bank, Commencement Bank is deeply committed to the community. For more information, please visit www.commencementbank.com. For information related to the trading of CBWA, please visit www.otcmarkets.com.

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