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**First State Bank To Acquire First Safety Bank**

March 24, 2016 - First State Bancorp, Inc., an Ohio corporation headquartered in Winchester, Ohio, and its wholly-owned subsidiary, First State Bank, an Ohio state-chartered commercial bank, are pleased to announce that First State Bank has agreed to acquire First Safety Bank, an Ohio state-chartered commercial bank headquartered in St. Bernard, Ohio.

First Safety Bank had approximately \$49 million in assets at December 31, 2015 and has two branches – one in St. Bernard and one in Georgetown, Ohio. Upon completion of the transaction, the combined institution will have approximately \$409 million in assets, \$255 million in loans and \$367 million in deposits. The Plan of Reorganization and Merger has been approved by the Board of Directors of each institution and the acquisition is expected to close by the third quarter of 2016 subject to customary conditions, including regulatory approval and approval by the shareholders of First Safety Bank.

“We are excited about the acquisition of First Safety Bank, which allows us to increase our presence in the Georgetown market while expanding into the St. Bernard market,” Mike Pell, President and CEO of First State Bank, commented. “This acquisition is a great fit and will allow us to continue offering outstanding service to our combined customers as a community-based bank in Southwest Ohio.”

William McKenney, Chairman, President & Co-CEO of First Safety Bank, noted, “We believe this merger with First State Bank, another locally-owned and managed community bank, will be beneficial for everyone involved. Our customers will gain access to a greater array of products and services while continuing to receive the same high level of service from people they know and trust.”

Advisors

Performance Trust Capital Partners, LLC, with M. Katherine Lynch as lead investment banker, acted as financial advisor to First State Bancorp, Inc., and Shumaker, Loop & Kendrick, LLP, with lead attorneys Thomas C. Blank and Martin D. Werner, acted as its legal advisor.

Austin Associates LLC, with Richard F. Maroney, Jr. as lead investment banker, acted as financial advisor to First Safety Bank, and Dinsmore & Shohl LLP, with lead attorneys Susan B. Zaunbrecher and Christian Gonzalez, acted as its legal advisor.

About First State Bank

First State Bank offers customers a full range of products including traditional, personal, commercial and agricultural loan and deposit solutions. Additionally, First State Bank customers

have the option of convenient online and mobile banking. FSB Mobile App users also now have the option of mobile check deposit, so checks can be deposited anywhere, anytime.

Dedicated to providing exceptional customer service and high value products while enhancing shareholder value, First State Bank has been a trusted and respected community institution since 1884. With banking center locations in Adams, Brown, Highland and Fayette Counties and a loan production office in Clinton County, all banking center operations and management are locally controlled. To learn more about First State Bank, visit www.fsb4me.com.

About First Safety Bank

First Safety Bank is an Ohio chartered commercial bank with offices in St. Bernard and Georgetown and deep roots in both communities. Since its founding in 1881, First Safety Bank has always focused on providing traditional community banking products and delivering exceptional service to its family and small business customers. More information can be found at www.firstsafetybank.com.

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