MEDIA RELEASE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

To the Editor:

5-Star Washington Financial Bank
Thriving Both "In" and "For" Your Community

Washington, Pennsylvania - September 2026: Washington Financial Bank, Washington, Pennsylvania is honored to announce it has earned **BAUERFINANCIAL Inc.'s** highest **5-Star Superior** rating. **BAUERFINANCIAL Inc., Coral Gables, Florida**, the nation's bank rating firm, has been analyzing and reporting on the nation's banks since 1983… providing ratings you can trust. A 5-Star rating by Bauer signifies that Washington Financial Bank excels in such areas as capital, asset quality, liquidity, and much more. Washington Financial Bank has earned and sustained Bauer's recommended rating (5-Stars or 4-Stars) for the most recent 148 consecutive quarters, a clear indication it is one of the strongest banks in the nation.

Karen L. Dorway, president of BauerFinancial, recognizes that, "As market conditions continue to change, banking institutions must be able to evolve with them. With Washington Financial Bank's stellar financial condition and equally impressive track record, we are confident in its ability to do so. The community is fortunate to have such a strong and dedicated financial partner in its midst."

Since its inception in 1899, Washington Financial Bank has been a proud supporter of the people and organizations in the communities it serves. That's only natural. They are the same communities in which its employees live, work and play. Supporting them is what they do and they wouldn't have it any other way.

Washington Financial Bank: "The bank that gets you."

Member FDIC

EQUAL HOUSING LENDER

Bank and Credit Union data compiled from financial data for the period noted, as reported to federal regulators. The financial data obtained from these sources is consistently reliable, although; the accuracy and completeness of the data cannot be guaranteed by BauerFinancial, Inc. Since 1983, BauerFinancial has relied upon this data in its judgment and in rendering its opinion (e.g. determination of star ratings). BauerFinancial, Inc. is not a financial advisor; it is an independent bank research firm. No institution can pay for or opt out of a BauerFinancial rating. Star-ratings are all available for free at bauerfinancial.com.

###

BAUERFINANCIAL, INC. P.O. Box 143520, Coral Gables, FL 33114 bauerfinancial.com