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## FDIC ANNOUNCES DEPOSIT ASSUMPTION OF AMERICAN STATE BANK, THOMAS, OKLAHOMA

The Board of Directors of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation today announced that the deposit liabilities of the American State Bank, Thomas, Oklahoma, have been assumed by The Bank of Thomas, a subsidiary of Thomas Bancshares, Inc., Thomas, Oklahoma.

The failed bank's sole office will reopen on Monday, October 22, 1984, as The Bank of Thomas and its depositors automatically will become depositors of the assuming bank, subject to approval by the appropriate court.

American State Bank was closed on October 19, 1984, by Oklahoma Bank Commissioner Robert Y. Empie and the FDIC was named receiver. Mr. Empie said: "American State Bank was closed because its capital funds were exhausted."

In addition to assuming about \$21.1 million in 2,700 deposit accounts, The Bank of Thomas has agreed to pay the FDIC a purchase premium of \$677,000. The assuming bank will purchase the failed bank's installment loans and certain other assets. To facilitate the transaction, the FDIC will advance cash amounting to \$11 million and will retain assets of the failed bank with a book value of approximately \$13.2 million.

The FDIC approved the deposit assumption under its authority to do so whenever it determines that such a transaction will reduce the potential loss to the Corporation. The Board of Directors made such a finding in this case because of the premium paid by The Bank of Thomas.

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The FDIC expects to recover a substantial portion of its outlay through the liquidation of assets not transferred to the assuming bank. In this respect, the FDIC notes that its claim will have priority over the claims of non-depositor creditors and shareholders of the closed bank.

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