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1st United Bank, Boca Raton, Florida, Assumes All of the Deposits of Republic Federal Bank, National Association, Miami, Florida

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Republic Federal Bank, National Association, Miami, Florida, was closed today by the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency (OCC), which appointed the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) as receiver. To protect the depositors, the FDIC entered into a purchase and assumption agreement with 1st United Bank, Boca Raton, Florida, to assume all of the deposits of Republic Federal Bank, N.A.

The four branches of Republic Federal Bank, N.A. will reopen on Monday as branches of 1st United Bank. Depositors of Republic Federal Bank, N.A. will automatically become depositors of 1st United Bank. Deposits will continue to be insured by the FDIC, so there is no need for customers to change their banking relationship to retain their deposit insurance coverage. Customers should continue to use their existing branches until they receive notice from 1st United Bank that it has completed systems changes to allow other 1st United Bank branches to process their accounts as well.

This evening and over the weekend, depositors of Republic Federal Bank, N.A. can access their money by writing checks or using ATM or debit cards. Checks drawn on the bank will continue to be processed. Loan customers should continue to make their payments as usual.

As of September 30, 2009, Republic Federal Bank, N.A. had total assets of approximately \$433.0 million and total deposits of approximately \$352.7 million. 1st United Bank will pay the FDIC a premium of 1.2 percent to assume all of the deposits of



Congress created the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation in 1933 to restore public confidence in the nation's banking system. It promotes the safety and soundness of these institutions by identifying, monitoring and addressing risks to which they are exposed. The FDIC receives no federal tax dollars — insured financial institutions fund its operations.

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Republic Federal Bank, N.A. In addition to assuming all of the deposits of the failed bank, 1st United Bank agreed to purchase \$267.1 million of the failed bank's assets.

The FDIC and 1st United Bank entered into a loss-share transaction on approximately \$210.4 million of Republic Federal Bank, N.A.'s assets. 1st United Bank will share in the losses on the asset pools covered under the loss-share agreement. The loss-sharing transaction is projected to maximize returns on the assets covered by keeping them in the private sector. The transaction also is expected to minimize disruptions for loan customers. For more information on loss share, please visit: http://www.fdic.gov/bank/individual/failed/lossshare/index.html.

Customers who have questions about today's transaction can call the FDIC toll-free at 1-800-913-3072. The phone number will be operational this evening until 9:00 p.m., Eastern Standard Time (EST); on Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., EST; on Sunday from noon to 6:00 p.m., EST; and thereafter from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., EST. Interested parties can also visit the FDIC's Web site at http://www.fdic.gov/bank/individual/failed/republicfederal.html.

The FDIC estimates that the cost to the Deposit Insurance Fund (DIF) will be \$122.6 million. 1st United Bank's acquisition of all the deposits was the "least costly" resolution for the DIF compared to all alternatives. Republic Federal Bank, N.A. is the 131st FDIC-insured institution to fail in the nation this year, and the 13th in Florida. The last FDIC-insured institution closed in the state was Commerce Bank of Southwest Florida, Fort Myers, on November 20, 2009.

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