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## VIST Bank, Wyomissing, Pennsylvania, Assumes All of the Deposits of Allegiance Bank of North America, Bala Cynwyd, Pennsylvania

## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Allegiance Bank of North America, Bala Cynwyd, Pennsylvania, was closed today by the Secretary of the Pennsylvania Department of Banking, which appointed the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) as receiver. To protect the depositors, the FDIC entered into a purchase and assumption agreement with VIST Bank, Wyomissing, Pennsylvania, to assume all of the deposits of Allegiance Bank of North America.

The five branches of Allegiance Bank of North America will reopen on Monday as branches of VIST Bank. Depositors of Allegiance Bank of North America will automatically become depositors of VIST Bank. Deposits will continue to be insured by the FDIC, so there is no need for customers to change their banking relationship in order to retain their deposit insurance coverage up to applicable limits. Customers of Allegiance Bank of North America should continue to use their existing branch until they receive notice from VIST Bank that it has completed systems changes to allow other VIST Bank branches to process their accounts as well.

This evening and over the weekend, depositors of Allegiance Bank of North America 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, 2010, Allegiance Bank of North America had approximately \$106.6 million in total assets and \$92.0 million in total deposits. VIST Bank will pay the FDIC a premium of 0.50 percent to assume all of the deposits of Allegiance Bank of North

## FDIC

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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America. In addition to assuming all of the deposits of the Allegiance Bank of North America, VIST Bank agreed to purchase essentially all of the assets.

The FDIC and VIST Bank entered into a loss-share transaction on \$86.2 million of Allegiance Bank of North America's assets. VIST Bank will share in the losses on the asset pools covered under the loss-share agreement. The loss-share 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 1-800-837-0215. 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 also can visit the FDIC's Web site at

http://www.fdic.gov/bank/individual/failed/allegbank.html.

The FDIC estimates that the cost to the Deposit Insurance Fund (DIF) will be \$14.2 million. Compared to other alternatives, VIST Bank's acquisition was the least costly resolution for the FDIC's DIF. Allegiance bank of North America is the 148th FDIC-insured institution to fail in the nation this year, and the first in Pennsylvania. The last FDIC-insured institution closed in the state was Dwelling House Savings and Loan Association, Pittsburgh, on August 14, 2009.