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Centennial Bank, Conway, Arkansas, Assumes All of the Deposits of Wakulla Bank, Crawfordville, Florida

Wakulla Bank, Crawfordville, Florida, was closed today by the Florida Office of Financial Regulation, which appointed the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) as receiver. To protect the depositors, the FDIC entered into a purchase and assumption agreement with Centennial Bank, Conway, Arkansas, to assume all of the deposits of Wakulla Bank.

The 12 branches of Wakulla Bank will reopen on Saturday as branches of Centennial Bank. Depositors of Wakulla Bank will automatically become depositors of Centennial 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. Customers of Wakulla Bank should continue to use their existing branch until they receive notice from Centennial Bank that it has completed systems changes to allow other Centennial Bank branches to process their accounts as well.

This evening and over the weekend, depositors of Wakulla Bank 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 June 30, 2010, Wakulla Bank had approximately \$424.1 million in total assets and \$386.3 million in total deposits. Centennial Bank did not pay the FDIC a premium for the deposits of Wakulla Bank. In addition to assuming all of the deposits of the failed bank, Centennial Bank agreed to purchase essentially all of the assets.

The FDIC and Centennial Bank entered into a loss-share transaction on \$212.7 million of Wakulla Bank's assets. Centennial Bank will share in the losses on the asset pools



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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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 1-800-528-6357. The phone number will be operational this evening until 9:00 p.m., Eastern Daylight Time (EDT); on Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., EDT; on Sunday from noon to 6:00 p.m., EDT; and thereafter from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., EDT. Interested parties also can visit the FDIC's Web site at http://www.fdic.gov/bank/individual/failed/wakulla.html.

The FDIC estimates that the cost to the Deposit Insurance Fund (DIF) will be \$113.4 million. Compared to other alternatives, Centennial Bank's acquisition was the least costly resolution for the FDIC's DIF. Wakulla Bank is the 128th FDIC-insured institution to fail in the nation this year, and the twenty-fifth in Florida. The last FDIC-insured institution closed in the state was Haven Trust Bank Florida, Ponte Vedra, on September 24, 2010.