

PRESS RELEASE

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First Midwest Bank, Itasca, Illinois, Assumes All of the Deposits of Waukegan Savings Bank, Waukegan, Illinois

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Waukegan Savings Bank, Waukegan, Illinois, was closed today by the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional 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 First Midwest Bank, Itasca, Illinois, to assume all of the deposits of Waukegan Savings Bank.

The two branches of Waukegan Savings Bank will reopen during normal business hours as branches of First Midwest Bank. Depositors of Waukegan Savings Bank will automatically become depositors of First Midwest 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 Waukegan Savings Bank should continue to use their existing branch until they receive notice from First Midwest Bank that it has completed systems changes to allow other First Midwest Bank branches to process their accounts as well.

This evening and over the weekend, depositors of Waukegan Savings 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 March 31, 2012, Waukegan Savings Bank had approximately \$88.9 million in total assets and \$77.5 million in total deposits. In addition to assuming all of the deposits of the failed bank, First Midwest Bank agreed to purchase essentially all of the failed bank's assets.

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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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Customers with questions about today's transaction should call the FDIC toll-free at 1-800-823-3215. The phone number will be operational this evening until 9:00 p.m., Central Daylight Time (CDT); on Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., CDT; on Sunday from noon to 6:00 p.m., CDT; on Monday from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., CDT; and thereafter from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., CDT.

Interested parties also can visit the FDIC's Web site at http://www.fdic.gov/bank/individual/failed/waukegan.html.

The FDIC estimates that the cost to the Deposit Insurance Fund (DIF) will be \$19.8 million. Compared to other alternatives, First Midwest Bank's acquisition was the least costly resolution for the FDIC's DIF. Waukegan Savings Bank is the 40th FDIC-insured institution to fail in the nation this year, and the sixth in Illinois. The last FDIC-insured institution closed in the state was Second Federal Savings and Loan Association of Chicago, Chicago, on July 20, 2012.