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### FDIC TRANSFERS INSURED DEPOSITS OF MERCHANT NATIONAL BANK, FORT MYERS, FLORIDA

The Board of Directors of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation has approved the transfer of insured deposits of Merchant National Bank, Fort Myers, Florida, to Founders National Trust Bank, Fort Myers, Florida. The failed bank's sole office will reopen on Monday, February 10, 1992, as a branch of Founders National.

The Board of Directors decided to arrange an insured deposit transfer because no other bids were offered for the failed bank.

Merchant National Bank, with total assets of about \$30.4 million, was closed on Friday, February 7, 1992 by the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, and the FDIC was named receiver. At the time the bank closed, its deposits totaled about \$29.0 million in about 2,200 deposit accounts, including approximately \$1.9 million in 61 accounts that exceeded the federal insurance limit of \$100,000.

Deposits in the failed bank up to the statutory insurance limit of \$100,000 will be available to their owners on February 10, 1992. In the interim, checks drawn on the failed bank's accounts, up to the insurance limit, will continue to be honored.

Insured depositors in the failed bank can automatically continue to conduct their banking transactions with the acquiring bank. However, they should visit the acquiring bank during the next several weeks to discuss continuation of their banking relationship.

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Administration of the transferred insured deposits will be funded by an equivalent cash payment from the FDIC. The acquiring bank is paying the FDIC a premium of \$105,700 for the right to receive the transferred deposits. It also will purchase \$1.8 million of the failed bank's assets. The FDIC will retain assets of the failed bank with a book value of \$28.6 million. Uninsured depositors and nondepositor creditors will share proportionately with the FDIC in the proceeds realized from liquidation of the failed bank's assets.

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