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FDIC APPROVES ASSUMPTION OF DEPOSITS OF
THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF TOMS RIVER, TOMS RIVER, NEW JERSEY

The Board of Directors of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation has approved the assumption of the deposits and secured liabilities of The First National Bank of Toms River, Toms River, New Jersey, by First Fidelity Bank, National Association, New Jersey, Newark, New Jersey.

The First National Bank of Toms River, with total assets of \$1.8 billion, was closed on Wednesday, May 22, 1991, by the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, and the FDIC was named receiver.

The failed bank's 56 offices will reopen on Thursday, May 23, 1991, as branches of First Fidelity, and its depositors automatically will become depositors of the assuming bank.

First Fidelity will assume about \$1.6 billion in 259,100 deposit accounts and will purchase approximately \$1.7 billion of the failed bank's assets at a discount of \$85.0 million. First Fidelity will have the opportunity to "put" to the FDIC as receiver adversely classified assets within 180 days.

The Board of Directors approved the deposit assumption under its authority to do so whenever it determines that such a transaction will reduce the potential loss to the FDIC. The transaction will result in a lower cost to the FDIC than if the assets were held and liquidated in receivership. Additionally, because the assets and deposits will be administered by First Fidelity, the failed bank's customers will have the benefit of continuous uninterrupted service.

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