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FDIC APPROVES SALE OF BRIDGE BANK IN NORTH PALM BEACH, FLORIDA

The Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation today approved a transaction with Barnett Bank of Palm Beach County, West Palm Beach, Florida, for the assumption of all deposits and certain other liabilities and the purchase of a significant portion of the assets of First American Bank and Trust, National Association, North Palm Beach, Florida.

First American Bank and Trust, National Association, with total assets of approximately \$775 million, was chartered on December 15, 1989, by the Comptroller of the Currency, at the request of the FDIC, and operated as a "bridge bank" following the failure of the former First American Bank and Trust. Since that time, the FDIC has actively sought an acquirer in an effort to arrange a transaction that would continue service to all of the bank's depositors and most of its loan customers.

Consummation of the transaction is expected in approximately one month. In the interim, depositors and other customers will continue to receive uninterrupted service. All depositors of First American will automatically become depositors of Barnett Bank once the transaction is completed.

Barnett has agreed to assume First American's deposits of approximately \$800 million and certain other liabilities, and will pay a purchase premium of \$41,567,080. Barnett will also purchase approximately \$400 million of loans and other assets including approximately \$120

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million of the bank's consumer loans and other small loans. To facilitate the transaction, the FDIC will advance approximately \$400 million to Barnett.

The FDIC Board's approval of this transaction is subject to approval of final documentation and other regulatory approvals. Today's transaction will minimize the potential loss to the FDIC.

Barnett Bank of Palm Beach County is a subsidiary of Barnett Banks, Inc., Jacksonville, Florida.

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