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## **Peoples Bank Awarded Forbes' Best-In-State Bank in West Virginia**

Parkersburg, West Virginia, June 25, 2020 – Peoples Bank has been recognized as part of Forbes' annual list of America's Best-In-State Banks and Credit Unions 2020. Peoples Bank was ranked the number one bank in West Virginia. This prestigious award is presented by Forbes and Statista Inc., the world-leading statistics portal and industry ranking provider. The awards list was announced today and can currently be viewed on the Forbes website.

Forbes Best-In-State Banks and Credit Unions 2020 is comprised of the top banks and credit unions based on the results of independent surveys involving approximately 25,000 U.S. consumers who were asked to rate the financial institutions at which they have or have had checking accounts. Participants made recommendations regarding overall satisfaction; they also assessed banks and credit unions in the following areas: 'Trust,' 'Terms & Conditions,' 'Branch Services,' 'Digital Services,' and 'Financial Advice.' Based on the results of the study, Peoples Bank is ecstatic to be recognized as one of Forbes' 2020 list of America's Best-In-State Banks and Credit Unions.

"We are honored to be recognized by our clients. We pride ourselves on being a community bank that offers big bank capabilities. In the last year we have made significant investments in technology, including the implementation of state of the art mobile services such as Zelle and Cardless Cash. And we continue to improve the client digital experience, including making our consumer loan applications mobile friendly," said Chuck Sulerzyski, Peoples Bank President and CEO. "Being recognized as the best bank in West Virginia shows we are on the right track to achieving our vision of *The Best Community Bank in America.*"

Peoples Bank has eight bank branches in West Virginia and 69 bank branches in Ohio and Kentucky. Headquartered in Marietta, Ohio since 1902, Peoples Bank makes available a complete line of banking, trust and investment and insurance solutions. Peoples Bank has established a heritage of financial stability, growth and community impact, including funding the Peoples Bank Foundation, which has given out over \$4.5 million in local charitable grants since its inception in 2003.