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FIRSTTRUST BANK APPOINTS PRESIDENT TIMOTHY J. ABELL TO ITS BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Conshohocken, PA (April 14, 2016) - Firsttrust Bank announced today that President Timothy J. Abell has joined its board of directors. As a member of the board, Abell will continue to provide invaluable insights to help shape the strategic direction of Firsttrust for many years to come.

"In his twelve years with Firsttrust, Tim's leadership has been stellar. His background, experience and customer focus have supplemented and strengthened Firsttrust's values and vision, and we welcome him as our newest board member," said Richard J. Green, Board Chairman and Chief Executive Officer. "From the beginning, Tim has always felt like a member of the Firsttrust family. Naming him as a director recognizes his contributions and the value he brings to our organization, and allows Firsttrust – and its customers – to continue to benefit from his wisdom in the future."

Abell joined the bank in 2004, and brought his 30 years of experience as a commercial lending and banking executive to the Firsttrust team. Tim helped businesses and entrepreneurs in the Philadelphia region secure business financing for growth or acquisitions throughout his entire career to that point – a perfect match for the commercially-focused and growing Firsttrust.

In 2007, Abell was the first non-family member named President of Firsttrust Bank – a role in which he is responsible for overseeing all operating aspects of Firsttrust, including all lending teams and subsidiaries. Over the years, he has played a pivotal role in Firsttrust's continued growth as a full service bank focused on cultivating prosperity for its customers, employees and communities.

"I am honored to be appointed to the board of directors and to join a talented group of individuals, all of whom I deeply admire on a professional and personal level," said Abell. "Throughout my time at Firsttrust, I have always felt grateful to work for – and contribute to the success of - an organization that lives its mission every day and that operates with integrity in all matters and with a focus on the customer. I look forward to continuing my contributions to our future success as member of the board in addition to my operating role."

Abell is a graduate of the Indiana University of Pennsylvania and holds an M.B.A. from Drexel University. He is currently a Board Member of the Greater Philadelphia Chamber of Commerce, Holy Redeemer Hospital, and LaSalle Academy. Abell previously served as Chairperson of the 2011 American Heart Association Heart Walk Philadelphia and as President of the Philadelphia Chapter of the Risk Management Association and the United Cerebral Palsy Association of Philadelphia.

About Firsttrust Bank

Founded in 1934 and currently in its third generation of family ownership, Firsttrust is a privately-held bank with assets of \$2.7 billion. Safe and Sound for more than 80 years, Firsttrust is a Small Business Administration (SBA) preferred lender, and provides both retail and commercial services through its 19 banking offices located in Bucks, Burlington, Lehigh, Montgomery and Philadelphia counties. Continuing to meet the needs of its customers, Firsttrust offers a wide variety of deposit products, consumer and business loan options, residential and commercial real estate mortgages, and cash management products. For more information, visit firsttrust.com or call 800-220-BANK. Member FDIC.