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Hingham Savings Ranked #1 Thrift in the East, #2 in the Country for the 3rd Consecutive Year

HINGHAM INSTITUTION FOR SAVINGS (NASDAQ:HIFS), Hingham, Massachusetts announced that for the third consecutive year, the Bank was ranked as the #1 thrift in the East and the #2 thrift in the nation by S&P Global (formerly SNL Financial) in that company's Top 100 Public Thrift rankings. The rankings were based on six financial metrics for the year ended December 31, 2015, including return on average assets, return on average tangible common equity, efficiency ratio, median three-year growth rate in tangible book value per share, nonperforming loans to total loans (NPLs/loans), and net charge-offs to average loans.

The Bank was also ranked #1 in New England and #6 nationally for 2015 by American Banker Magazine, in an annual list of the 200 most profitable publicly-traded community banks and thrifts. The American Banker Magazine rankings were based on three-year average return on equity (ROE), a key measure of long-term value creation for shareholders.

President Robert H. Gaughen Jr. stated, "Since the present management team became associated with the Bank twenty-three years ago, it has been our objective to build a great bank, with outstanding long-term financial results, a fortress balance sheet that provides unquestionable assurance to our depositors, and an enduring culture of growth and success. We are pleased to receive recognition for our accomplishments and industry leadership from respected observers like S&P Global and American Banker."

Hingham Institution for Savings is a Massachusetts-chartered savings bank located in Hingham, Massachusetts. Incorporated in 1834, it is the oldest financial institution headquartered in Hingham and one of the oldest continuously operating banks in the United States. The Bank's main offices are located in Hingham, MA. The Bank also maintains branch offices in South Hingham and the neighboring towns of Cohasset, Hull, Norwell, Scituate and Weymouth, as well as branches in the South End of Boston and on Beacon Hill and on the island of Nantucket.

The Bank's shares of common stock are listed and traded on The NASDAQ Stock Market under the symbol HIFS.