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HERITAGE SOUTHEAST BANK HIRES DEEDEE MCINTYRE AS FIRST VICE PRESIDENT, SENIOR SBA AND USDA LENDER

ATLANTA (September 9, 2020) – Heritage Southeast Bank announced today that it has hired DeeDee McIntyre as First Vice President, Senior SBA & USDA Lender. She will be responsible for generating new Small Business Administration (SBA) and United States Department of Agriculture Business and Industry loan opportunities for the bank. She will be based at the bank's corporate office in McDonough, GA.

McIntyre is an accomplished business-focused banker who specializes in government guaranteed lending programs. She has worked in SBA and commercial lending positions throughout her career and recently served on the University of Georgia Small Business Development Center (SBDC) Statewide Advisory Council. She holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Business Administration and Accounting from Piedmont College and a Master of Business Administration in Supply Chain Management from Clayton State University.

"DeeDee has a deep knowledge of SBA loans and standard operating procedures as well as a thorough banking and lending background," said Leonard Moreland, CEO of Heritage Southeast Bank. "She has earned many awards for her work and brings strong knowledge and insight to our team."

About Heritage Southeast Bancorporation, Inc., and Heritage Southeast Bank

Heritage Southeast Bancorporation, Inc. (OTCQX: HSBI) serves as the holding company for Heritage Southeast Bank, which is headquartered in Jonesboro, GA and operates under the names "Heritage Bank," "The Heritage Bank," and "Providence Bank" in its various markets. With approximately \$1.5 billion in assets, the bank provides a well-rounded offering of commercial and consumer products through its 26 locations. For additional information, visit the HSBI website.

While the branches of each of the three combined legacy institutions operate under their respective legacy names, all such branches are branches of the same single insured depository institution, Heritage Southeast Bank, and a customer's deposits in branches operating under different trade names will be commonly insured and subject to the same FDIC insurance limits.