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INDEPENDENCE BANK NAMES NEW LEADERSHIP IN MCCRACKEN COUNTY

PADUCAH, KY (June 11, 2019) – Independence Bank has named Kevin Kauffeld as the new face of leadership for McCracken County as the next President for the market. Kauffeld most recently served as Chancellor and Director of Stewardship with the Owensboro Diocese.

Current President Danny Evitts will continue to work closely with Kauffeld during his transition. Evitts will also take on the role as the Chairman of the McCracken County Community Board of Directors where he will continue to be instrumental part of the leadership team in McCracken County.



A native of Owensboro, Kentucky, Kauffeld attended Brescia University where he graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Business and a Masters in Management. He spent almost 16 years serving the Roman Catholic Diocese of Owensboro, with the last 9 years as Chancellor and Chief Administrative Officer before joining Independence Bank.

In this role, his territory encompassed more than 32 Kentucky counties ranging from as far east as Warren and Breckinridge counties, to the western most portion of the state. The Diocese of Owensboro is currently made up of 78 parishes and two Newman centers and supports 18 Catholic schools.

“I am honored to be joining a company that truly personifies what it means to be a community bank,” stated Kauffeld. “The talented team in Paducah is a testament of the Bank’s culture of cultivating and developing its strongest asset, its people, and the tremendous impact this has to the community we have been called to serve.”

Kauffeld is a member of Council #6101 Knights of Columbus and a member of the Chamber of Commerce. He is also an avid outdoorsman, enjoys fishing, hunting and boating with his family

on Lake Barkley. Kauffeld has been married for 36 years to wife Ann and has three children, Kassie, Kimmie and Chase.

“Kevin is a longtime friend and advocate of Independence Bank,” said Chris Reid, Independence Bank Chairman and CEO. “Our employees make up the heart of our institution and what makes an individual a good fit for our organization is their passion and dedication to being a part of something bigger. Kevin has demonstrated that type of leadership through his role at the Diocese and we are excited to have him on board. We are looking forward to working with him to continue to grow and cultivate the community partnership that Danny has created in McCracken County.”

“At Independence Bank, banking is about more than just transactions, it’s about establishing a relationship with customers, who just so happen to be your neighbors and friends,” said Evitts. “Kevin has made lifelong connections in Western Kentucky, and McCracken County specifically, through his previous role with the Diocese that makes him a natural fit for this position. I am confident that he will be able to continue to nurture those relationships that we have created here in McCracken County and deliver that relationship banking experience to our market.”

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