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## NEWS RELEASE

## Opportunity Bank of Montana CEO Elected to the 2019 ICBA Federal Delegate Board

**Helena, MT** (October 10, 2019)—The Independent Community Bankers of America<sup>®</sup> (ICBA) announced that Peter J. Johnson, President and Chief Executive Officer of Opportunity Bank of Montana (NASDAQ: EBMT), has been appointed to serve as the Montana Delegate to the ICBA Federal Delegate Board.

"I am honored to be selected to represent our industry and help share the positive story of community banking with policymakers," Johnson said. "We are invested in the success of our communities. Relationship banking, community engagement, and local reinvestment all have a role in that success."

ICBA is dedicated to promoting the interests of locally-operated community banks. As a Board Member, Johnson will help shape and advocate ICBA's national policy positions and programs and serve as a liaison between independent community bankers in Montana and ICBA staff and leadership in Washington. He will also work to increase membership of banks in ICBA.

"Pete is a dedicated banking professional, highly respected in his community and by industry peers," said ICBA Chairman Preston L. Kennedy. "We are delighted he has generously offered his time and professional talents to the service of the community banking industry."

As President and CEO of Opportunity Bank of Montana, Johnson provides leadership for all functional areas of the Bank and has overall responsibility for directing the Bank toward its strategic plans, vision and mission. He stared his career at Opportunity Bank in 1981 and has been President and CEO since 2007.

Johnson serves on the Montana Independent Bankers Association (MIB) Board of Directors and served as a member of the Federal Reserve Board's Community Depository Institution Advisory Council from 2010-2012. He is the current Chair of St. Peter's Health Foundation Board and is a past Chairman of both the Helena Area Chamber of Commerce and the Diocese of Helena Finance Council. He is also a member of the Independent Community Bankers of America's Political Action Committee.

Opportunity Bank of Montana operates as the fourth largest bank headquartered in Montana. With 24 branches in 15 communities across the state, the bank continues to grow from both organic growth and acquisition, remaining focused on its mission to provide strong financial futures for Montanans.

## About ICBA

The Independent Community Bankers of America<sup>®</sup> creates and promotes an environment where community banks flourish. With more than 50,000 locations nationwide, community banks constitute 99 percent of all banks,

employ nearly 750,000 Americans and are the only physical banking presence in one in three U.S. counties. Holding more than \$5 trillion in assets, nearly \$4 trillion in deposits, and more than \$3.4 trillion in loans to consumers, small businesses and the agricultural community, community banks channel local deposits into the Main Streets and neighborhoods they serve, spurring job creation, fostering innovation and fueling their customers' dreams in communities throughout America. For more information, visit ICBA's website at www.icba.org.

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