

#### NEWS RELEASE

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# FIRST RESOURCE BANK ANNOUNCES 18% NET INCOME GROWTH IN THE FIRST QUARTER

EXTON, PA – First Resource Bank (OTCQX: FRSB) announced financial results for the three months ended March 31, 2015. Net income for the first quarter was \$301,036, which was 18% higher than the prior quarter ended December 31, 2014 and 2% higher than the first quarter of the prior year. After accounting for preferred stock dividends, net income available to common shareholders for the quarter ended March 31, 2015 was \$288,328. This compares to net income available to common shareholders of \$243,299 for the quarter ended December 31, 2014 and \$283,041 for the quarter ended March 31, 2014.

Glenn B. Marshall, President & CEO, stated, "We are very pleased to report record earnings during a quarter that experienced a significant increase in overhead expenses due to the opening of our second branch in April. The West Chester branch is now open and customer feedback has been overwhelmingly positive. We are excited about this physical expansion into a strong deposit market where we already have a sizable customer base."

Net interest income was \$1,625,573 for the quarter ended March 31, 2015 as compared to \$1,648,820 for the previous quarter. The net interest margin increased 4 basis points from 3.97% for the quarter ended December 31, 2014 to 4.01% for the quarter ended March 31, 2015. The overall yield on interest earning assets increased 6 basis points during the first quarter, to 4.89%, with loan yields down 3 basis points, to 4.97% and investment yields up 86 basis points to 3.22%. Investment yields increased during the first quarter due to a one-time special FHLBank of Pittsburgh dividend. Without that special dividend the net interest margin would have been unchanged from the prior quarter at 3.97%. The total cost of interest bearing liabilities increased 2 basis points during the first quarter, led by a 12 basis point increase in the cost of borrowings,

as the Bank took advantage of low interest rates to lock in longer term funding towards the end of the first quarter. The deposit cost of funds increased 1 basis point to .99%.

Deposits increased \$3.7 million, or 3%, from \$143.3 million at December 31, 2014 to \$147.1 million at March 31, 2015. During the first quarter, certificates of deposit increased \$3.0 million, or 4%, from \$78.2 million at December 31, 2014 to \$81.2 million at March 31, 2015. Money market deposits increased \$546 thousand, or 1%, from \$51.4 million at December 31, 2014 to \$51.9 million at March 31, 2015. Non-interest bearing deposits increased \$719 thousand, or 8% from \$9.4 million at December 31, 2014 to \$10.1 million at March 31, 2015. Interest-bearing checking balances decreased \$531 thousand, or 12% from \$4.3 million at December 31, 2014 to \$3.8 million at March 31, 2015.

The loan portfolio increased \$2.8 million, or 2%, during the first quarter from \$157.3 million at December 31, 2014 to \$160.1 million at March 31, 2015. Most of that growth was in the commercial real estate portfolio. First quarter loan growth was adversely impacted by an unusually cold winter. Included in first quarter loan growth is one \$2.8 million loan held for sale with that sale expected during the second quarter. Slow loan growth during the quarter produced a nominal provision for loan losses which helped net income improve this quarter.

The following table illustrates the composition of the loan portfolio:

	Mar. 31,	Dec. 31,	Mar. 31,
	2015	2014	2014
Commercial real estate	\$ 104,221,467	\$ 102,290,962	\$ 93,596,333
Commercial construction	12,313,683	12,235,078	7,455,368
Commercial business	18,593,718	17,483,708	13,696,376
Consumer	24,961,109	25,316,420	25,054,408
Total loans	<u>\$ 160,089,977</u>	<u>\$ 157,326,168</u>	<u>\$ 139,802,485</u>

The allowance for loan losses to total loans was 0.84% at March 31, 2015 as compared to 0.84% at December 31, 2014 and 0.96% at March 31, 2014. Non-performing assets, which include non-performing loans of \$3.1 million and other real estate owned of \$237 thousand, totaled \$3.4 million at March 31, 2015. Non-performing assets to total assets increased from 1.57% at December 31, 2014 to 1.86% at March 31, 2015 due to an increase in nonperforming loans and other real estate owned.

Non-interest income for the quarter ended March 31, 2015 was \$76,290, as compared to \$218,705 for the previous quarter and \$95,967 for the first quarter of the prior year. Prior quarter results included \$103 thousand in SBA loan sale income, of which there were none during the first quarter.

Non-interest expense increased \$55 thousand, or 5%, in the three months ended March 31, 2015 as compared to the prior quarter. This increase was due to higher salaries & benefits and higher professional fees, offset by a decrease in occupancy expenses and other real estate owned expenses. Salaries and benefits expenses increased due to the addition of staff related to the second branch.

As previously announced, the Board of Directors declared a \$0.04 special cash dividend payable to shareholders of record as of May 8, 2015 on May 22, 2015. This is the second special cash dividend in the Bank's history.

## Selected Financial Data:

Balance Sheets (unaudited)

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Cash and due from banks Investments Loans Allowance for loan losses Premises & equipment Other assets	16	2,634,680 6,594,795 0,089,977 1,348,294) 6,260,549 6,164,177	\$ 817,0 11,711,6 157,326,1 (1,317,3 5,517,2 6,472,8	637 68 663) 252	
Total assets	<u>\$ 18</u>	<u>0,395,884</u>	<u>\$ 180,527,5</u>	<u> 39</u>	
Non-interest bearing deposits Interest-bearing checking Money market Time deposits Total deposits Short term borrowings Long term borrowings Other liabilities	5 8 14	0,073,965 3,818,331 1,946,525 1,246,491 7,085,312 3,850,600 0,499,000 718,105	\$ 9,355,0 4,349,5 51,400,5 78,243,2 143,348,3 12,000,0 6,499,0 654,7	552 506 <u>592</u> 563 500	
Total liabilities	16	<u>2,153,017</u>	162,502,1	02	
Preferred stock Common stock Surplus Accumulated other		5,083,000 1,613,009 9,526,705	5,083,0 1,612,2 9,523,0	283	
comprehensive income Retained earnings Total stockholders' equity	1	80,850 1,939,303 8,242,867	91,5 <u>1,715,4</u> 18,025,4	94	
Total Liabilities & Stockholders' Equity	<u>\$ 18</u>	<u>0,395,884</u>	<u>\$ 180,527,5</u>	<u> </u>	
Performance Statistics (unaudited)	Qtr Ended Mar. 31, 2015	Qtr Ended Dec. 31, 2014	Qtr Ended Sept. 30, 2014	Qtr Ended June 30, 2014	Qtr Ended Mar. 31, 2014
Net interest margin Nonperforming loans/total loans Nonperforming assets/ Total assets	4.01% 1.95% 1.86%	3.97% 1.64% 1.57%	3.89% 1.77% 1.76%	3.93% 1.21% 1.31%	3.81% 1.24% 1.44%
Allowance for loan losses/ Total loans	0.84%	0.84%	0.87%	0.96%	0.96%
Average loans/Average assets Non-interest expenses*/	89.5% 2.89%	88.1% 2.71%	87.4% 2.79%	86.8% 2.81%	85.2% 2.54%
Average assets Earnings per share – basic and diluted	\$0.18	\$0.15	\$0.15	\$0.18	\$0.18

<sup>\*</sup> Annualized

### Income Statements (unaudited)

	Otr. Ended Mar. 31, 2015	Qtr. Ended Dec. 31, 2014	Otr. Ended Sept. 30, 2014	Otr. Ended June 30, 2014	Qtr. Ended Mar. 31, 2014
INTEREST INCOME Loans, including fees Securities Other Total interest income	\$1,923,274 57,947 63 1,981,284	\$1,940,824 63,004 60 2,003,888	\$1,825,644 58,636 46 1,884,326	\$1,784,064 59,811 910 1,844,785	\$1,743,733 60,488 1,904 1,806,125
INTEREST EXPENSE Borrowings Checking Money Market Time deposits Total interest expense	22,839 977 91,234 240,661 355,711	25,173 720 96,203 232,972 355,068	21,576 672 99,246 221,257 342,751	17,893 712 100,541 220,220 339,366	17,478 660 99,206 230,131 347,475
Net interest income	1,625,573	1,648,820	<u>1,541,575</u>	1,505,419	1,458,650
Provision for loan losses	<u>17,622</u>	<u>296,205</u>	<u>116,176</u>	27,270	97,250
Net interest income after provision for loan losses	1,607,951	1,352,615	1,425,399	1,478,149	1,361,400
NON-INTEREST INCOME	76,290	218,705	115,344	98,946	95,967
NON-INTEREST EXPENSE Salaries & benefits Occupancy & equipment Data processing Professional fees Advertising Other real estate Other Total non-interest Expense	673,716 151,801 74,957 82,427 23,176 25,361 217,013 1,248,451	565,894 196,056 76,368 60,069 29,792 42,789 222,717 1,193,685	572,973 157,885 69,316 76,624 51,268 35,000 210,872 1,173,938	562,031 139,784 68,379 93,708 33,200 59,689 183,345 1,140,136	527,231 113,157 66,469 88,923 17,537 42,730 169,786 1,025,833
Income before income tax expense	435,790	377,635	366,805	436,959	431,534
Federal Income Tax expense	134,754	121,628	113,478	136,349	<u>135,785</u>
Net income	\$ 301,036	\$ 256,007	\$ 253,327	\$ 300,610	\$ 295,749
Preferred stock dividends	(12,708)	(12,708)	(12,707)	(12,707)	(12,708)
Net income available to common shareholders	\$ 288,328	<u>\$ 243,299</u>	\$ 240,620	<u>\$ 287,903</u>	<u>\$ 283,041</u>

#### About First Resource Bank

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