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MONEY MAGAZINE CHOOSES BETHPAGE FEDERAL CREDIT UNION AS THE BEST BANK IN NEW YORK STATE

Bethpage, New York - October 24, 2017 - In its annual exclusive ranking of banks across the country, Money magazine has chosen Bethpage Federal Credit Union as the Best Bank in New York State.

A trusted resource for Americans seeking to take charge of their finances, Money focused on fees and interest rates for its annual national evaluation which assessed 155 brick-and-mortar and online financial institutions. Along with Bankrate.com, which partnered with Money on the ranking, data on fees, interest rates, and account requirements for checking and savings accounts were compared from more than 800 accounts across the country.

Bethpage Federal Credit Union, the largest credit union in the Northeast and New York State, was chosen as New York State's Best Bank, for its fee-free checking, [Bethpage Bonus Checking](#), which pays 1% interest to members, something that is "rare to find," according to Money magazine. Bethpage Bonus Checking also offers no minimum monthly balance, no third-party ATM fees, and no monthly fees.

"Bethpage is very excited to have been chosen by Money as New York State's best financial institution. Bethpage prides itself on offering a full spectrum of products and services to meet the growing financial needs of our members and that means great rates and low fees," said Wayne N. Grossé, President and CEO, Bethpage. "Consumers turn to Money magazine daily for its reliable reporting to make smart decisions about

what matters most to them. We are very proud to have been named the “best” and look forward to continuing to be a trusted financial partner to our members.”

Data for the Money ranking was collected in July and August 2017, and MONEY independently fact-checked information for each winner in September and early October 2017.

When selecting state winners, MONEY excluded checking accounts that required a minimum balance greater than \$1,500 to either open the account or waive monthly fees. Priority was given to banks whose checking accounts had no (or easily waived) monthly fees and low or no ATM fees. MONEY also sought higher interest rates for checking and savings accounts. Additional factors included J.D. Power customer service ratings, when available, from the 2017 U.S. Retail Banking Satisfaction Study, geographic reach within a state, recent enforcement actions, and mobile app ratings in the iTunes and Google Play stores.

Bethpage Federal Credit Union is a premier community financial institution committed to enriching the lives of its members, employees and the communities it serves for the past 75 years. Bethpage is the largest credit union in the Northeast Region, as well as 16th in the nation. Bethpage is a federally chartered credit union who is open to new members that open a membership account with \$5 dollars. As a financial cooperative, Bethpage offers the best-in market rates, low fees and world-class service, and a full menu of personal and commercial financial services.

On Long Island, Bethpage maintains branch locations in Albertson, Baldwin, Bay Shore, Bay Shore King Kullen, Bethpage, Centereach, Central Islip, Commack King Kullen, East Meadow NuHealth Medical Center, East Northport, Elmont, Farmingdale, Freeport, Glen Cove, Hempstead, Huntington, Levittown King Kullen, LIU Post (Brookville), Long Beach, Lynbrook, Massapequa, Melville, Mineola, North Babylon, Patchogue, Port Jefferson, Riverhead, Roosevelt, Seaford, Smithtown, Valley Stream King Kullen, West Babylon and Westbury. In New York City, Bethpage maintains a branch location at 111 W 26th Street. Bethpage also offers over 500 surcharge-free ATMs in King Kullen, CVS Pharmacy and Costco locations. For more information on Bethpage’s robust portfolio of banking, borrowing, and investment services, visit www.lovebethpage.com or call 1-800-628-7070.

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