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Daryl Bishop Joins BankFIRST Brevard County

Melbourne, Florida – (February 9, 2010) – Mick Welch, BankFIRST Regional President, Brevard County, announced today that Daryl Bishop has been named Area President, Central Brevard County. A long-time resident of Central Florida, Bishop brings more than 30 years of community banking experience to his new role. "Daryl's extensive background in commercial lending and Executive Management is extremely impressive and we are very pleased to welcome him to our team. His reputation in the marketplace precedes him, both professionally, and as a result of his continued commitment to the Brevard community," Welch said.

Bishop entered the field of community banking in 1979, and has served Melbourne and greater Brevard for the length of his career. He began his tenure in the financial services industry with Flagship Bank of Melbourne, N.A., Melbourne. Throughout his storied career, he has gained experience in the areas of commercial lending, community involvement, and new business development. Most recently, he served as Vice President / Commercial Loans at Old Southern Bank, Orlando, where he was responsible for building a successful portfolio, while maintaining involvement in various civic organizations throughout Central Florida. Prior to that, Bishop spent 8 years as President and Chief Executive Officer of Florida Business Bank, Melbourne, a de novo institution, where he was instrumental in all elements of the bank's development, while serving as an active Member of the Board of Directors.

"I am very excited to be back in the Brevard county market and equally excited to be with a quality organization like BankFIRST," Bishop said.

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A graduate of Stetson University, DeLand, FL, Bishop received his Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration, and went on to earn his Master's Degree in Business Administration from the Florida Institute of Technology, Melbourne . His community involvement includes: The Haven For Children, Inc., Past President and Vice President; The Melbourne Police Foundation, Past Board Member; Melbourne / Palm Bay Area Chamber of Commerce, Member and Past Treasurer; Governmental Relations Council of the Florida Bankers Association, Member; Stetson Alumni Association, District Chairman for Brevard and Indian River County; Planned Giving Council for Wuesthoff Hospital, Member; Economic Development Council, Member; and Advent Lutheran Church Congregational Council, Past President; West Orange Chamber of Commerce, Member; West Orange Chamber of Commerce Economic Development Committee, Member; Rotary Club of Southwest Orlando, Member; and Pine Hills Economic Development steering committee, Member.

About BankFIRST

Since it's founding in 1989 as a state-chartered, federally insured commercial bank, BankFIRST has grown its assets to over $600 million. Situated in Central Florida, BankFIRST has ten branch offices located in Orange, Seminole, Lake and Brevard Counties, and has approximately 120 employees. The bank has been the recipient of numerous awards, including: "Best Community Bank in Central Florida" by the readers of the Orlando Business Journal in 2006 and 2009, "Best Bank in Seminole County" in 2008 and 2009, "#1 Small Business Lender in Florida", "2009 Business Achievement Award for Civic and Community Efforts" by the Lake Eustis Chamber of Commerce, and "#1 Community Bank SBA Lender in Florida".

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