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## FIRST STATE BANK ANNOUNCES PROMOTION

New Braunfels, TX - First State Bank, member FDIC, announces the promotion of Mr. John A. Harrell to President and Chief Operating Officer. Harrell began working for First State Bank in 2003 and for four years has been EVP of Professional & Executive Lending. He is based out of the bank's main office in New Braunfels.

Mr. Barry Williams retains his role as Chief Executive Officer and will remain involved with business development and overall strategic focus.

"John has been successful at building many commercial relationships and has done an excellent job of working through the loan process to provide timely and responsive financing solutions. His new responsibilities provide the challenge of supervising the bank's daily operational activities and John will do a great job." says Williams.

Established in 1895, First State Bank offers a variety of commercial and consumer loans and accounts, and is dedicated to serving the needs of small businesses and individuals. The bank currently operates through 5 branches in convenient locations: New Braunfels, Gruene, Canyon Lake, Bastrop, and the original charter, Smithville, Texas.

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