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NEW BANKING LOCATION ON THE 16th STREET MALL IN DENVER

DENVER, CO – On March 9, 2009, American National Bank opened its newest full-service banking facility at the corner of Welton Street and the 16th Street Mall. The banking center will provide personal and business banking services, wealth management services, a 24-hour walk-in ATM, safe deposit boxes, a community conference room and free parking. The lobby is open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. to serve residents, merchants, employees and shoppers on the 16th Street Mall, the 25-year-old centerpiece of Downtown Denver.

The bank's spacious new lobby was designed as a modern interpretation of the classic, old-style bank by Pouppirt Architects. Located on the first floor at 600 16th Street, the 4,634 sq. ft banking center is American National Bank's fifth location in the Denver-metro area.

Despite strong banking competition in the Denver area, Vance A. Wagner, Regional President, is confident of American National Bank's continued success.

“With our headquarters here, Denver has proven to be an outstanding community for American National Bank and it makes good business sense for us to expand our presence in our home town,” Wagner said. “We look forward to serving even more Denver customers – both consumer and commercial clients – who prefer doing business with a robust, locally owned, community-focused financial institution such as American National Bank. Our team at the Downtown

Denver location is staffed with experienced, knowledgeable bankers committed to providing personalized products and services and equipped with the power of local-decision making.”

American National Bank is a member of the Sturm Financial Group, Inc. Sturm Financial Group consists of 40 community banks located in Colorado, Wyoming, Kansas and Missouri; and maintains financial strength embodied in approximately \$2.1 billion in assets. The Banking Centers provide personalized, quality service to its clients, with local staff and responsive, local decision-making. American National Bank was recently acknowledged by VERIBANC, Inc., an independent bank rating firm, as a Blue Ribbon Bank. This Blue Ribbon Award is reserved for those highly rated financial institutions that demonstrate exceptional attention to safety, soundness and financial strength.

American National Bank offers a wide array of financial services for personal and business needs, such as checking and savings accounts, *BankAtEase* internet Banking, e-Services, cash management Services, wealth management, and commercial, consumer, construction, real estate, SBA, and mortgage loans.

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