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PEOPLES BANK OF ALABAMA INCLUDED IN THE FORBES LIST OF AMERICA'S BEST-IN-STATE BANKS 2025 RANKING

CULLMAN, ALABAMA – June 30, 2025 – Peoples Bank of Alabama has been recognized on the Forbes list of America's Best-In-State Banks 2025. This prestigious award is presented in collaboration with Statista, the world-leading statistics portal and industry ranking provider. The award list was announced on June 17th, 2025, and can be viewed on the Forbes website.

Financial institutions serve as the foundation of the financial world, playing a critical role in maintaining the stability of global systems. America's Best-In-State Banks 2025 aims to showcase the institutions most valued by residents in each state and to recognize the banks that have excelled in meeting the unique needs and expectations of their local communities. The ranking is based on an independent survey of over 26,000 customers in the U.S. Participants evaluated banks on several criteria, including Trust, Financial Advice, Customer Services, Digital Services, Branch Services, and Terms & Conditions. They also rated the importance of these criteria. A sentiment analysis was conducted using the publicly available reviews and a score.

"We are honored to be recognized as one of the best banks in the nation for the third year running," said Tim Williams, CEO. "This award reflects the trust our customers place in us every day, as well as the hard work and dedication of our team. We are committed to consistently raising the standard for service excellence and delivering real value to our customers.

This remarkable award reflects our commitment to excellence and our ability to combine innovative banking technologies with a personalized approach to customer service, creating an experience that undeniably sets us apart in the industry. Thank you to our customers for their unwavering trust and to our team for their dedication and passion. Our focus on customer-first service, technology, and community impact will only grow stronger as we look toward the future. We are excited to continue working with our customers and deliver the best banking experience for all."

Peoples Bank of Alabama, headquartered in Cullman, Alabama, is a trusted community bank dedicated to serving families, individuals, workers, and businesses in North and Central Alabama. We are in the banking business because we believe in helping individuals with their financial well-being. Whether it's a loan to buy a couple's first home, or a commercial loan to help a business expand, our passion is helping our neighbors achieve their dreams. That's why we are the people's bank – because we care about people. Visit our website at peoplesbankal.com and learn more about how you can save, grow, and invest with confidence –where people come first. Member FDIC and an Equal Housing Lender.

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