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Availa Bank Welcomes New VP Senior Loan Officer *Tom Mortice joins the Availa Bank team in Ames.*

Ames, Iowa (August 7, 2024) – Availa Bank is proud to announce the hiring of Tom Mortice as the new VP Senior Loan Officer at the Ames location. Mortice will be responsible for developing new and existing commercial client relationships, ensuring the needs of the business are met, including loans, deposits, and cash management services.

Mortice has over 25 years of banking experience and has held several commercial banking roles across the Des Moines and Ames area, most recently as Market President for another financial institution. He attended Iowa State University, gaining his bachelor's in finance. Mortice is dedicated to lifelong education and has expanded his lending knowledge over the years, previously graduating from Minnesota Business and Commercial Lending Academy.

Mortice has lived in Ames for the past seven years and is active in the community as Board President for Habitat for Humanity of Central Iowa, Board Treasurer for Friendship Ark, and Board Member for Ames Lions. He is also actively involved with the Ames Chamber of Commerce, Ames Regional Economic Alliance, and the Ames Homebuilder Association.

Outside of work, Mortice and his wife are avid Cyclone fans. He has five daughters, three in college and two in high school.

Kevin Geis, Ames Market President, is looking forward to Tom's expertise in the Ames office. "I am excited to have Tom join the Availa Bank team in Ames. His strong banking experience and knowledge will bring value to our clients and assist Availa Bank in continuing its strong growth in the market. Tom and his family are active members of Ames and the greater Ames community, and their involvement meets a variety of needs and growth in the area. I would encourage you to stop in and welcome Tom to the Availa Bank team," he says.

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About Availa Bank: Availa Bank's roots date back to 1870 when it was originally chartered. Availa is the first three syllables of the word available, a word that defines the bank's mission – to empower our team to inspire and enable our clients and the communities we serve to achieve financial success. Availa Bank locations are in the following communities: Ames, Ankeny, Carroll, Coon Rapids, Council Bluffs, Fort Dodge, Holstein, Jewell, Nevada, Omaha (LPO Only), Pocahontas, Sioux City, and Webster City. For more information about Availa Bank, visit www.Availa.Bank. Member FDIC.

