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**Firstbank Corporation Announces Cash Dividend on Common Stock**

**Alma, MI (FBMI)** – Thomas R. Sullivan, President and Chief Executive Officer of Firstbank Corporation, announced today that a \$0.10 per share cash dividend will be paid December 17, 2009, to common stock shareholders of record as of November 27, 2009.

The \$0.10 per share cash dividend remains unchanged from the prior quarter.

Firstbank Corporation, headquartered in Alma, Michigan, is a financial services company using a multi-bank-charter format with assets of \$1.4 billion and 51 banking offices serving Michigan's Lower Peninsula. Bank subsidiaries include: Firstbank – Alma; Firstbank (Mt. Pleasant); Firstbank – West Branch; Firstbank – Lakeview; Firstbank – St. Johns; Keystone Community Bank; and Firstbank – West Michigan.