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FIRST MERCHANTS BANK OPENS NEW LOCATION **And Continues Investment in Indiana**

Anderson, IN – First Merchants Bank (NASDAQ-FRME) - On Friday, August 30 at 10:30 a.m., First Merchants Corporation President and Chief Executive Officer, Michael C. Rechin, Anderson Mayor, Kevin Smith and the Anderson Chamber of Commerce Director of Business Development, Dennis Ashley presided over the ribbon cutting ceremony

commemorating the grand opening for the new First Merchants Bank location at 1801 North Scatterfield Road in Anderson.



Anderson Mayor Kevin Smith commented, “The investments that companies like First Merchants Bank make in Anderson are vital to the long term success of our community.” Mike Rechin added, “As a community bank, the health and well-being of our communities is foundational to business success. First Merchants Bank proudly invests in local communities

throughout Indiana, and Anderson is a shining example. Kirk Klabunde, Market President, and the entire First Merchants team are proud to support the growth and revitalization of Anderson.”

Pictured Left to Right: Karen Harrison, Jama Doyle, Carrie Valek, Cathy Boerner, Cutting Ribbon: Dennis Ashley, Anderson Chamber of Commerce Director of Business Development; Anderson Mayor Kevin Smith; Mike Rechin, President / CEO First Merchants Bank, Tim Hunt, Rod McPhearson, Marilyn Saubert, and Tom Dooley.