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MICHELE WELCH JOINS WESTFIELD BANK AS VICE PRESIDENT, MORTGAGE LOAN OFFICER

Westfield, MA— James C. Hagan, President and CEO of Westfield Bank, is pleased to announce that Michele Welch has joined Westfield Bank as Vice President, Mortgage Loan Officer at the Bank's 47 Palomba Drive location in Enfield. She is responsible for originating residential mortgage loan applications primarily through outside business development and marketing activities in Connecticut and Massachusetts.

Welch has worked in the mortgage industry since 1999, and prior to joining Westfield Bank, served as a Mortgage Loan Officer with Fairway Independent Mortgage Corporation in Suffield, CT. She holds a Bachelor of Science in Agriculture Economics from the University of Massachusetts. Welch is a Certified Divorce Lending Professional and VA Certified. Her accolades include being named the 2017 Greater Boston Realtors Association Affiliate of the Year as well as the 2018 & 2020 Realtors Association of Pioneer Valley Affiliate of the Year. She has stayed involved with the Realtors Association of Pioneer Valley by serving on the Community Service, Strategic Planning, and Government Affairs committees.

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Outside of the office, Welch stays active in the community and is an avid volunteer. She is a member of the Westfield and West Springfield Elks Club, a former Board member and Greenfit Co-Captain with Revitalize CDC, and volunteers with the Western Mass Foodbank. She enjoys visiting her children as often as possible, spending time outdoors hiking, beach combing, and trips to the city. Welch resides in Springfield, MA.

About Westfield Bank

Westfield Bank, headquartered in Westfield, Massachusetts, is a federally chartered savings bank organized in 1853 and is the largest publicly traded bank headquartered in Western Massachusetts. The Bank is a full-service community-oriented financial institution offering a complete range of commercial and retail products and services. Currently, the Bank has twenty-five branch offices, fifty-four ATMs, and an additional thirty seasonal ATMs and serves Hampden and Hampshire counties in Western Massachusetts and Hartford and Tolland counties in Northern Connecticut. The Bank's middle market and commercial real estate lending team is based in Springfield, Massachusetts, and has a general regulatory limit on loans to one borrower of \$39.7 million. As of December 31, 2022, the Bank employed 357 full and part-time employees, had \$2.6 billion in total assets, \$2.0 billion in its loan portfolio, and \$2.2 billion in total deposits. The Bank is regulated by the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency. As a member of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC), the Bank's deposits are insured up to the maximum FDIC insurance coverage limits. To learn more, visit the bank's website at www.westfieldbank.com

PHOTO: A headshot of Michele Welch is attached

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