

Press Release

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Independent Community Bankers Association of Maine Participates in National Community Banking Month

The Independent Community Bankers in Maine will join community bankers throughout the nation during April to celebrate Community Banking Month. This year, as in the past, community bankers across the state, including Norway Savings Bank, will make a combined effort to discuss with the public the important economic and social contributions their banks make in their hometowns.

In light of many economic challenges, this is an especially important year to focus on the very positive work of community banks, according to Jim Donnelly, President of the Independent Community Bankers of Maine. "I'm proud to unite with other community bankers across the state and nation to display our dedication to serving our customers, our state, and our country the best way we know how," Jim Donnelly said. "We are proud of our communities, and we are dedicated to serving our communities and the citizens and businesses that reside and operate here."

Community Banks have provided banking resources to the communities that they serve in Maine for more than 150 years. They continue that great tradition today from our more than 518 banking offices, which are the delivery points for our more than 7,000 employees.

"We operate in and near our home towns. We employ and lend to our community members and neighbors. Our success is due to our commitment to the communities in which we live," said Donnelly.

"Our banks have different philosophies than those financial institutions that lay outside of our State. We are uniquely committed to the local area and our focus lies in helping our community to grow and prosper."

Maine Community Banks have more than \$20 billion dollars loaned into the Maine economy through our own communities by making residential mortgages and commercial, agricultural, and student loans.

There are more than 8,000 Community banks in America and 33 of them are in Maine. Community banks across America today are recognized for personalized individual service, commitment to, and focus on the local economy.

For more information on Community Banking Month, visit www.icba.org.