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WASHINGTON FEDERAL DECLARES 100TH CONSECUTIVE CASH DIVIDEND

SEATTLE, WASHINGTON – The Board of Directors of Washington Federal, Inc. (NASDAQ-WFSL), parent company of Washington Federal Savings, today announced a quarterly cash dividend of 21 cents per share. The dividend will be payable January 11, 2008 to common stockholders of record on December 28, 2007. This will be Washington Federal's 100th consecutive quarterly cash dividend.

Washington Federal Savings provides residential real estate loans, checking, money market accounts and certificates of deposit through 135 offices in Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Utah, Nevada, Arizona, Texas and New Mexico. Established in 1917, the Company reported \$10.3 billion in assets and \$6.0 billion in deposits as of September 30, 2007.

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