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ALERUS FINANCIAL CORPORATION DECLARES CASH DIVIDEND ON COMMON SHARES

GRAND FORKS, N.D. (May 7, 2019) – Alerus Financial Corporation (OTCQX: ALRS) announced that its board of directors approved a regular quarterly cash dividend of \$0.14 per common share, a 7.7 percent increase over the dividend paid a year ago. The dividend is payable on July 12, 2019, to shareholders of record as of close of business on June 21, 2019.

About Alerus Financial Corporation

Alerus Financial Corporation, through its subsidiary Alerus Financial, N.A., offers business and consumer banking products and services, residential mortgage financing, employer-sponsored retirement plan and benefit administration, and wealth management including trust, brokerage, insurance, and asset management. Alerus Financial banking and wealth management offices are located in Grand Forks and Fargo, N.D., the Minneapolis-St. Paul, Minn. metropolitan area, and Scottsdale and Mesa, Ariz. Alerus Retirement and Benefits plan administration offices are located in St. Paul and Albert Lea, Minn., East Lansing and Troy, Mich., and Bedford, N.H.

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