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***Hampshire First Bank  
Receives Business Excellence Award***

**Manchester, NH** –Hampshire First Bank was recognized as an outstanding business at the 6<sup>th</sup> annual Business Excellence Award ceremony hosted by the New Hampshire Business Review. More than 60 nominees in 14 categories were recognized. Hampshire First Bank received top honors in the category of Financial Services. Hundreds of local business leaders attended the award ceremony.

“We are honored to accept this prestigious award,” said Jim Dunphy, President/CEO. “As we approach our two year anniversary, we are thankful to the community for embracing our mission of providing local, personalized banking services. We strive to enrich the communities we serve by working closely with business owners and professionals. Our lending decisions are made locally, giving us the opportunity to really get to know our customers and their businesses. We appreciate their recognition.”

Judges remarks included, “Jim Dunphy is a true leader and mentor.” The panel of judges included: Thomas P. Farrelly, Cushman & Wakefield, Patrick F. McDermott, PSNH, Kathleen Reardon, Citizens Bank, Laurie Ferguson, New Hampshire Made, Sharon Drake, private sector, Debra LeClair, Spectrum Wellness, Michael Vlacich, New Hampshire Division of Economic Development.

According to NHBR, proceeds from the event will benefit CASA of New Hampshire, an organization that provides volunteers to serve as advocates for abused and neglected children in the New Hampshire Court System.

**About Hampshire First Bank:**

Hampshire First Bank is a New Hampshire-chartered commercial bank that serves customers throughout Southern New Hampshire. The Bank operates its main banking office at 80 Canal Street, Manchester and with locations at 221 Main Street in Downtown Nashua and 391 West Street in Keene. The bank also provides state of the art electronic banking services, such as Online Account Origination and Remote Deposit Automation. The Bank’s common stock is traded on the OTC electronic bulletin board, under the symbol HFBN.

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