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### First Peoples Bank Announces Key Leadership Additions Supporting Growth in Henry and Fayette Counties

**Pine Mountain, GA — December 2, 2025 —** Charles Sweat, Chief Executive Officer of First Peoples Bank, is pleased to announce the addition of four highly experienced banking professionals as the organization expands services across Henry and Fayette Counties. These hires strengthen the Bank's leadership team and support the recent opening of the full-service McDonough branch located at **115 Westridge Industrial Blvd., Suite 110, McDonough, GA.**

"These leaders bring a depth of expertise, community focus, and commitment to service that align with our mission of putting people first," said Sweat. "As we expand into the South Metro market, this team will help us deliver relationship-based community banking and deepen our presence across Henry and Fayette Counties."

**Dondra Clark** has joined First Peoples Bank as **Chief Development Officer**, serving bank-wide. With banking experience dating back to 1996, Dondra most recently held a similar strategic role at Heritage Bank, where she worked in multiple retail and operations leadership positions since 2008. At First Peoples Bank, she will oversee Treasury Management, Marketing, Retail Deposit Growth, and will lead new product creation and implementation across all markets.

**Sheri Dockweiler** joins as **Chief Credit Officer**, serving bank-wide. With 36 years in banking and tenure at Heritage Bank since 1999, Sheri will lead all credit risk functions including underwriting, loan review, credit policy governance, analytics, credit file oversight, and reporting to the Board of Directors.

**Rochelle Hehir** has been named **Controller**, supporting the entire bank. Rochelle brings decades of accounting, financial management, and reporting experience, having served in the same capacity with Heritage Bank since the late 1990s. Her expertise strengthens financial oversight and internal control management at First Peoples Bank.

**Jenny Smith** has been appointed **Branch Manager of the McDonough office**. Jenny brings more than 40 years of comprehensive banking experience in retail operations and customer-service leadership. She is thrilled to return to a true community banking model and looks forward to serving customers throughout the McDonough, Henry County, and Fayette County markets.

"We are proud to welcome these exceptional leaders to the First Peoples Bank family," Sweat added. "Their experience and market knowledge position us for continued growth, stronger local decision-making, and greater community impact. We are bringing community banking back to Henry and Fayette Counties, and this team will help us deliver on that promise."

First Peoples Bank's McDonough branch opened for full-service banking on **November 3rd**, reflecting the Bank's expanding footprint and commitment to relationship-driven banking throughout South Metro Atlanta.

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