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### **Monroe Bancorp Announces Cash Dividend**

BLOOMINGTON, Ind. – Monroe Bancorp (NASDAQ: MROE) announced that its Board of Directors recently declared a quarterly dividend of \$0.01 per share on the Company's Common Stock. The dividend is payable on Thursday, December 31, 2009 to shareholders of record as of Thursday, December 17, 2009. This dividend is unchanged from the \$0.01 per share paid in the third quarter of 2009.

Monroe Bancorp, headquartered in Bloomington, Indiana, is an Indiana bank holding company with Monroe Bank as its wholly owned subsidiary. Monroe Bank was established in Bloomington in 1892 and offers a full range of financial, trust and investment services through its locations in Central and South Central Indiana. The Company's common stock is traded on the NASDAQ Global Stock Market under the symbol MROE.

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