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P R E S S R E L E A S E

Bristol County Savings Bank awards \$20,000 grant as sponsor of New Bedford's Holiday Happenings & City Celebrates! New Year's Eve

New Bedford, Massachusetts– Bristol County Savings Bank (BCSB), through its charitable foundation, awarded a \$20,000 grant today to the City of New Bedford as part of the Bank's role as overall sponsor of the current Holiday Happenings and City Celebrates! New Year's Eve! festivities. The community has enjoyed a couple weekends of exciting and engaging programming which all lead up to a host of family fun activities to ring in 2019 on Monday, December 31st, including the traditional fireworks display.

This year's programming includes street performers, stilt walkers, jugglers, fire-eaters, living art, puppetry, ice sculptures, music and more. A full listing of all events is located at www.DestinationNewBedford.org/holiday2018. The New Year's Eve festivities will include a spectacular fireworks display on the waterfront at 8:30 p.m.

"It's our ninth consecutive year of being the lead sponsor of City Celebrates! so it's been fun to see the event grow and become a great New Bedford tradition for the community to enjoy and ring in the New Year," said Patrick J. Murray, Jr., President & CEO of Bristol County Savings Bank and President, Bristol County Savings Charitable Foundation (BCSCF). Murray added that since 2007, the Foundation has donated more than \$4 million to 501©(3) organizations in the Southcoast.

"We encourage area families and visitors to enjoy the many free, fun events of New Year's Eve City Celebrates in our historic downtown," Mayor Jon Mitchell. "Thank you once again to Bristol County Savings Bank for being so committed to the communities it serves. Its sponsorship of City Celebrates is yet another example of that support."

Bristol County Savings Bank is an active supporter in the communities in which it serves. The Bristol County Savings Charitable Foundation was established in 1996 as part of the Bank's 150th Anniversary celebration. Its purpose is to fund needs that contribute to the economic and the social well-being of the people and institutions located in the greater Attleboro/Taunton Region, the greater New Bedford/Dartmouth Region, the Fall River Region and the Pawtucket, Rhode Island Region, with particular emphasis in the areas of education and literacy, economic development and housing for the low- to moderate-income population. Since the Foundation began, more than \$19 million has been committed to hundreds of different non-profit organizations. In 2018, the Foundation has awarded over \$1.9 million to various 501©(3) organizations.

Bristol County Savings Bank Background Information:

Bristol County Savings Bank, founded in 1846, is a full-service financial institution offering commercial lending, personal and business banking, and mortgage services. The Bank's Bristol Wealth Group, which enjoys an affiliation agreement with one of the leading brokerage firms in North America, Raymond James Financial Services (Raymond James), provides businesses, municipalities, non-profits and individuals with a wide range of investment solutions. In addition, the Bank also offers quality property and casualty insurance options for its customers through its majority-owned insurance partner, FBinsure.

The Bank's steady growth and expansion has resulted in \$2.1 billion in assets and over 400 employees in southeastern Massachusetts and Rhode Island. The key words at Bristol County Savings Bank are: "Commitment, Stability, and Community," values that are combined with state-of-the-art technology to meet the needs of its customers. A dedicated local community bank for over 170 years, Bristol County Savings Bank is actively involved in giving back to all the communities it serves both through financial support and the volunteerism of its people. The Main Office and Corporate Headquarters of Bristol County Savings Bank are located on Broadway in Taunton, Massachusetts. For additional information, please call 508-824-6626 or visit www.bristolcountysavings.com.

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