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New Bedford announces City Celebrates! New Year's Eve Sponsored by Bristol County Savings Bank

New Bedford, Massachusetts- Bristol County Savings Bank (BCSB), through its charitable foundation, recently awarded a \$20,000 grant 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 several weekends of exciting and engaging programming which all lead up to a host of family fun activities to ring in 2018 on Sunday, December 31st, including the traditional fireworks display.

This year's programming includes street performers, stilt walkers, jugglers, fire-eaters, living art, ice sculptures, fire spinning, music, family workshops, and more. A full listing of all events is located at www.DestinationNewBedford.org/holidays2017. The New Year's Eve festivities will include a spectacular fireworks display on the waterfront at 8:30 p.m. Please note that the east face of State Pier

will be closed on New Year's Eve, so fireworks viewers are encouraged to watch from lower Union Street, which will be closed at the intersection of Route 18 and Union Street to the intersection of Union and N. Water streets.

"New Year's Eve City Celebrates in New Bedford is a wonderful opportunity for area families and visitors to enjoy many free, fun events for all ages in our historic downtown," said Jon Mitchell, Mayor, City of New Bedford. "We're grateful for the generous support of Bristol County Savings Bank for sponsoring City Celebrates which, along with the many important causes they support, demonstrates the Bank's commitment to the community."

"It's hard to believe we have been the lead sponsor of City Celebrates! for eight consecutive years but it's always exciting for us to be a part of what has become a great New Bedford tradition of engaging holiday programming 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 southeastern Massachusetts.

Along with event sponsor Bristol County Savings Bank, City Celebrates! supporting sponsors are Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts and the New Bedford Whaling Museum. Fireworks partners include Tucker Roy Marine Towing and Salvage, Inc. and AGM Marine Contractors. Local Partners Include: Southeastern MA Visitors Bureau and Southcoast Chamber of Commerce.

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 2017, the Foundation has awarded over \$1.8 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 Financial Advisory Services division has successfully assisted businesses, individuals and non-profits with the management of their assets since 1989. 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 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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