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## NASHVILLE BANK & TRUST NAMES COOK CHAIRMAN

### *Banking veteran was founding organizer of NBT.*

NASHVILLE, Tenn., Jan. 21, 2010 – Officials with Nashville Bank & Trust announced today that Charles W. Cook, Jr. has been named the chairman of the bank’s board of directors. Cook is one of the founding executives of Nashville Bank & Trust and was its original vice chairman, a position he held until 2007.



“Charlie Cook helped us organize Nashville Bank & Trust six years ago and has served on our board ever since,” said Tom Stumb, NBT president and CEO. “With the recent passing of our founding chairman, Don Thurmond, we are very fortunate to have someone with Charlie’s abilities and experience serve as our chairman and we are very pleased that he has accepted the board’s invitation.”

“I am excited and honored to once again work with Nashville Bank & Trust, which has proven to be one of the most successful banks in Tennessee – indeed, in the country – thanks in large part to the wise counsel and management acumen of its former chairman, Don Thurmond, who was also a very good friend,” Cook said. “I will do my best to fill his very big shoes. The good news is that Don built an outstanding team of banking veterans at NBT who are as committed as he was to outstanding customer service and the highest professional standards.”

Cook has more than 40 years of experience in the Nashville banking industry, having served as president and chairman of Third National Bank, and chief executive officer of Third National Bank Corporation before its merger with SunTrust Bank. After retiring from SunTrust Bank as executive vice president, Cook served as director of finance for the Metropolitan Government of Nashville-Davidson County during the administration of Mayor Phil Bredesen. He then served as president & CEO, and later chairman, of Union Planters Bank of Middle Tennessee.

He is a graduate of Yale University, the Stonier Graduate School of Banking at Rutgers University and attended Harvard University School of Business. Cook currently serves as the chairman of Nashville Public Television Corp. and as president of the Tennessee Historical Society. He also serves on the boards of the Nashville Community Foundation and the Exchange Club of Nashville. He previously served on the Electric Power Board of Nashville, the United Way, the Salvation Army Advisory Board, Centennial Medical Center, the Nashville Area Chamber of Commerce, the Tennessee Performing Arts Management Corporation and the Nashville Symphony.

A full-service bank and wealth management company, Nashville Bank & Trust services include personal and business loans, depository accounts, wealth management and trust services. Personal, expert service is the bank's hallmark. Customers benefit from direct contact with senior-level, experienced bank executives who have decision-making authority and a full understanding of the local community and the client's relationship with the bank.

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