



**COLONIAL FEDERAL  
SAVINGS BANK**  
*"Your neighborhood bank!"*

Dear Valued Customer:

We are excited to announce today that CFSB Bancorp, Inc., parent company of Colonial Federal Savings Bank, and Hometown Financial Group, parent company of North Shore Bank, have signed a definitive merger agreement. Under the terms of the agreement, Colonial Federal will merge into North Shore Bank. While both banks are already strong, we know that together we'll be even better able to unlock potential for our employees, our communities, and especially you, our valued customers.

**Enhanced services with greater convenience.** With increased capacity to lend, a larger branch network, and a continued commitment to smart banking tools and technology, we will have the resources and market presence to better meet your needs. When the merger is complete, you'll have access to 29 branch locations in the North Shore and South Shore regions of Massachusetts and southern New Hampshire. Plus, you'll be able to use bank-owned ATMs locally, in addition to 55,000+ surcharge-free SUM® and Allpoint® Network ATMs worldwide.

**Continued commitment to community banking and our neighborhoods.** Together as a community bank, North Shore Bank and Colonial Federal will remain committed to providing community banking services, reinvesting deposits in loans that support local economic growth and job creation, and giving back generously to the cities and towns we serve through The Giving Tree, North Shore Bank's charitable giving program.

**Local leadership, with service from trusted employees.** This merger will combine two great teams of dedicated employees who are focused on delivering an exceptional customer experience for you. You'll enjoy continued access to local decision-makers.

**Minimal impact to bank services.** We'll be sure to communicate timely information as needed. **In the meantime, customers simply bank as they normally would as customers of Colonial Federal.**

**Fully insured deposits.** When the merger is complete, your deposits will be fully insured through the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) and the Depositors Insurance Fund (DIF). The FDIC insures each depositor to at least \$250,000 and the DIF insures deposits in excess of these amounts. With the combination of FDIC and DIF insurance, you have peace of mind that your deposit accounts are insured in full.

We'll be sure to communicate often so that you know what to expect in the months ahead as this merger is completed. As always, we thank you for your continued loyalty and trust.

Sincerely,

Michael E. McFarland  
President and Chief Executive Officer