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Bangor Savings Bank Recognized as 'Best Places To Work in Maine' At Awards Gala

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Bangor, ME Bangor Savings Bank was among one of the Best Places to Work in Maine honored in Augusta last night. According to the Society for Human Resource Management (SHRM), 26 companies were named to this year's list. The 3rd annual presentation, which was made in conjunction with the Maine State Chamber of Commerce, the Maine Department of Labor, The Maine Job Council, *Employment Times* and *Mainebiz* has Bangor Savings Bank among the top contenders.

The assessment process, aimed at recognizing companies that have established and fostered an outstanding workplace environment, is administered by the Best Companies Group. The group evaluates each company's employee policies and procedures along with responses from the company's employees.

Bangor Savings Bank, Maine's largest independent bank, has grown from 14 branches and 244 employees concentrated in eastern Maine, to 51 branches and 624 employees statewide, over the past 5 years.

Jim Conlon, CEO of Bangor Savings Bank commented on the news. "My colleagues and I are extremely proud of this recognition. Our Executive Team

and our Board of Directors both are very pleased to offer employment to more than 600 Maine citizens, in an environment where people thrive and our customers are very satisfied. Bangor Savings Bank has worked to develop a culture where we deliver not only to our employees, but to our customers and where every individual who is associated with our bank knows we are sincere about our brand – *You Matter More.*”

Conlon continued, “This recognition is something we will want to continue to achieve. This benchmark goes along with our mission, which is to be a bank that provides sound advice and financial solutions to our customers so that they can meet their needs, save, invest, grow and prosper. We exceed customer expectations by offering an outstanding work environment, superior service and customer focus. And we reinvest in Maine’s communities to support a better quality of life for all Maine people. So it makes sense that if we live up to our mission, we will always want to be seen as a wonderful place to work.”

Conlon remarked that the news is especially gratifying, due to the country’s concerns about banks and other financial institutions. “Even though many banks are in a challenging transition, Bangor Savings Bank remains a very strong institution with talented employees and money readily available to lend our valued customers.”

Bangor Savings Bank is a community bank with the statewide resources to offer a comprehensive array of financial services. From York County to Aroostook County, the Bank delivers innovative products such as the Bank’s Free ATMs Worldwide and charitable giving programs such as Community Matters More, which has involved tens of thousands of community members in helping Maine non-profits.

About Bangor Savings Bank: Bangor Savings Bank, with more than \$2.2 billion in assets, offers retail banking and investment management services to Maine consumers as well as comprehensive commercial, corporate, payroll administration, insurance, and small business banking services to Maine

businesses. The Bank, founded in 1852, is in its 157th year of service to the people of Maine , with 51 branches and on the Web at www.bangor.com. The Bangor Savings Bank Foundation was created in 1997. Together the Bank and its Foundation invest more than a million dollars per year into the community in the form of nonprofit sponsorships, grants and partnership initiatives.