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## **MFA Financial, Inc. Announces Third Quarter 2011 Dividend of \$0.25**

NEW YORK, Sept. 26, 2011 /PRNewswire/ -- MFA Financial, Inc. (NYSE: MFA) announced today that its Board of Directors declared a quarterly dividend of \$0.25 per share of common stock for the third quarter of 2011. The dividend will be paid on October 31, 2011, to stockholders of record on October 11, 2011. The ex-dividend date is October 6, 2011.

Stockholders interested in learning how to participate in MFA's Discount Waiver, Direct Stock Purchase and Dividend Reinvestment Plan (the "Plan") or receiving a Plan prospectus may do so by contacting BNY Mellon Shareowner Services, the Plan administrator, at 1-866-249-2610 (toll free). For more information about the Plan, interested stockholders may also go to the website established for the Plan at <http://www.bnymellon.com/shareowner/isd> or visit MFA's website at [www.mfa-reit.com](http://www.mfa-reit.com).

MFA is a real estate investment trust primarily engaged in the business of investment, on a leveraged basis, in Agency and Non-Agency residential mortgage-backed securities.

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