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Huntington Bank Appoints James J. Plum Director of Consumer Lending

Plum Brings Nearly 20 Years of Experience as a Cincinnati-Based Regional Banking Leader

COLUMBUS, Ohio, Oct. 29 /PRNewswire-FirstCall/ -- James J. Plum, a longtime Cincinnati-based residential lending executive, has been named senior vice president and director of consumer lending for Huntington Bank. Plum has led home lending programs for Citizens Financial Group for the past five years, most recently serving as president of Home Lending Solutions for RBS Citizens.

"Consumer lending is a critical service for our customers," said Steve Steinour, chairman, president and chief executive officer of Huntington. "Jay is joining an expanding leadership team, comprised of experts from throughout the industry, who have helped Huntington to play offense and lay the foundation for future growth. Jay also shares our values as evidenced by his work with advisory boards and community groups."

Plum has worked as a banking executive in Cincinnati since 1990 and has worked in residential lending since 1996. In addition to his most recent role for RBS Citizens, he has served as executive vice president for both Home Lending Solutions and National Home Equity for Citizens Financial Group. He has also held leadership roles with Provident Financial and Bank One. He began his career as administrator of a national student organization.

A member of the National Secondary Markets Advisory Board for Fannie Mae, Plum also serves on the Lender Advisory Council for LendingTree.com and the Banking Advisory Board for TransUnion. He is president of the Colgate Club of Cincinnati.

Plum earned his bachelor's degree from Colgate University and his master's of business administration from the Owen Graduate School of Management at Vanderbilt University.

"I am very excited to be joining such a strong team," said Plum. "Huntington's commitment to grow in the Midwest and its dedication to its core values make it a perfect fit for me."

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