



## Washington Federal Savings

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### **WASHINGTON FEDERAL DECLARES 93<sup>rd</sup> CONSECUTIVE CASH DIVIDEND**

SEATTLE, WASHINGTON – The Board of Directors of Washington Federal, Inc. (NASDAQ-WFSL), parent company of Washington Federal Savings, today announced a quarterly cash dividend of 20 cents per share. The dividend will be payable April 14, 2006 to common stockholders of record on March 31, 2006.

This is Washington Federal's 93<sup>rd</sup> consecutive quarterly cash dividend.

Washington Federal Savings provides residential real estate loans, checking, money market accounts and certificates of deposit through 122 offices in Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Utah, Nevada, Arizona and Texas. Established in 1917, the Company reported \$8.3 billion in assets and \$5.1 billion in deposits as of December 31, 2005.

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