



## Washington Federal Savings

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### **WASHINGTON FEDERAL DECLARES 95<sup>th</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 20.5 cents per share. The dividend will be payable October 20, 2006, to common stockholders of record on October 6, 2006.

This is Washington Federal's 95<sup>th</sup> consecutive quarterly cash dividend.

Washington Federal Savings provides residential real estate loans, checking, money market accounts and certificates of deposit through 123 offices in Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Utah, Nevada, Arizona and Texas. Established in 1917, the Company reported \$8.8 billion in assets and \$5.3 billion in deposits as of June 30, 2006.

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