



## Washington Federal Savings

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### **WASHINGTON FEDERAL DECLARES 88<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 21 cents per share. The dividend will be payable January 14, 2005 to common stockholders of record on December 31, 2004.

This is Washington Federal's 88<sup>th</sup> consecutive quarterly cash dividend.

Washington Federal Savings provides residential real estate loans, checking, money market accounts and certificates of deposit through 120 offices in Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Utah, Nevada, Arizona, Texas and Colorado. Established in 1917, the Company reported \$7.2 billion in assets and \$4.6 billion in deposits as of September 30, 2004.

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