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FOUNDERS BANK & TRUST REPORTS RECORD 2012 QUARTERLY EARNINGS

Grand Rapids, MI (Thursday, May 10, 2012) -- Founders Financial Corporation, the holding company for Founders Bank & Trust, reported record net income of $1.4 million, or $1.59 per share, for the first quarter of 2012, compared to $702,000, or $.75 per share, for the first quarter of 2011.

In April, the Board of Directors of Founders Financial Corporation declared a $.20 dividend, payable May 4, 2012, which represents an annual dividend of $.80 per share.

"As we celebrate our 20th Anniversary this year, we are very pleased to continue in our long-established pattern of growth and profitability", said Laurie F. Beard, President & CEO, Founders Bank & Trust. "Our first quarter financial results reflect continued strong business fundamentals and ongoing strength in our fee income business lines, including solid contributions from the bank's mortgage and wealth management areas."

About Founders Bank & Trust
Established to meet the demand for locally-based banking with a personal touch, Founders Bank & Trust continues to focus on superior customer service to achieve profitable growth. With four locations in the Grand Rapids area, this full-service community bank proudly strives to be the bank of choice for local individuals, businesses, and non-profit organizations.

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