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FOUNDERS BANK & TRUST REPORTS FIRST QUARTER EARNINGS and DECLARES CASH DIVIDEND

Grand Rapids, MI (May 2, 2011) -- Founders Financial Corporation, the holding company for Founders Bank & Trust, reported net income of $702,257, or $0.75 per share for the first quarter of 2011, ended March 31. This is the 65th consecutive quarter of profitability for the Grand Rapids based bank.

At the recent Annual Shareholders meeting, the first cash dividend in the history of Founders Financial Corporation was announced. The dividend of $.15 per share on the common stock of the company will be paid on May 6, 2011 to shareholders of record as of April 27, 2011. Founders Bank & Trust will celebrate its twentieth anniversary in December of 2011.

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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