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**United Bank Offers Free Tax Preparation and Filing Assistance**

Assistance available at designated branches or through online portal through March 29, 2019

**Atmore, Ala.(UBAB)** – United Bank announced today, it will again offer free tax preparation and filing assistance to residents across its footprint as part of the Internal Revenue Service’s Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program or VITA. VITA sites will be available at the bank’s Atmore, Foley, and Frisco City locations from February 4, 2019, through March 29, 2019 with services available to individuals and families with total 2018 incomes of \$55,000 or less. In its eighth year, United Bank has assisted with more than 500 returns since 2011.

“United Bank’s core mission includes community and economic development. Assisting families and individuals prepare and file their taxes, free and in conjunction with the IRS is a component of that mission,” said Bob Jones, President and CEO of United Bank. “The results speak for themselves, individuals leave satisfying their obligations as well as having better financial guidance and resources. Our volunteers are passionate and are to be complimented for their service. United Bank is proud to be a part of this program for our 8<sup>th</sup> year having completed 585 returns.”

Tax assistance will be available in Atmore, Foley, and Frisco City by appointment only. Residents seeking assistance for 2018 filing are encouraged to make an appointment by calling Laura Puchner at 251-446-6119 or by email at [laura.puchner@unitedbank.com](mailto:laura.puchner@unitedbank.com). Taxpayers must provide an ID (including spouse ID), a social security card for each person on their return as well as any W2s, 1099s or other relevant income or interest statements, and last year’s tax return.

An additional option available through United Bank’s partnership with the VITA program is online self-preparation from home at <https://www.myfreetaxes.com/>. Clients using the web service should follow the links to login once the page loads to create a user id and password.

For more information about United Bank or its efforts with VITA, please contact Tonya Lambert, VP of Marketing & PR, at 251.446.6004 or email [tonya.lambert@unitedbank.com](mailto:tonya.lambert@unitedbank.com). You can also visit the IRS website at [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov) to learn more about the VITA program.

**About United Bank:** United Bank is a \$631,000,000 financial institution that has enjoyed 115 years of service. United Bank has offices in Atmore, Brewton, Flomaton, Monroeville, Frisco City, Greensboro, Bay Minette, Foley, Lillian, Loxley, Magnolia Springs, Silverhill, Spanish Fort and Summerdale in Alabama. United Bank serves Santa Rosa County, Florida in Jay, Milton and Pace. For more information about United Bank please visit our website at [www.unitedbank.com](http://www.unitedbank.com). Member FDIC.