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Western Heritage Bank Announces New Board Member

El Paso, TX (February 28, 2018) – Western Heritage Bank is pleased to announce that Dr. Hector Flores has joined the Board of Directors. Dr. Flores is a cardiovascular surgeon and has been with El Paso Southwestern Cardiovascular Surgery Associates since 2011.

“Dr. Flores will be an asset to our board. He holds highly respected positions in the medical field and his reputation in the surgical community is outstanding,” said Jim Volk, Chairman. “As we continue to grow our business, Dr. Flores will certainly bring a unique perspective to the table. He will further our understanding of the financial needs of healthcare professionals.”

Dr. Flores earned a Bachelor of Science in Biology from St. Mary’s University. He received a Doctor of Medicine from the University of Texas Health Science Center in San Antonio (UTHSCSA) where he also completed his general surgery residency and served as Administrative Chief Resident. Dr. Flores studied at Emory University under a Cardiothoracic Surgery Fellowship, and he also served as Chief Resident for Cardiothoracic Surgery. His teaching experience includes working as a Gross Anatomy Instructor at the Hispanic Center of Excellence and a Teaching Assistant at St. Mary’s University. Dr. Flores worked as a Research Assistant at both UTHSCSA and at St. Mary’s University, where he also worked as a Resident Assistant. He was a Howard Hughes Research Fellow at the University of Notre Dame as an undergraduate student. Dr. Flores is affiliated with the Society of Thoracic Surgeons and the J. Bradley Aust Society. He is board certified by the American Board of Thoracic Surgery and he holds the following certifications: ACLS, BLS, ATLS and PALS. Dr. Flores is licensed by the Texas Medical Board and the Georgia Medical Board and he is affiliated with the following local hospitals: The Hospitals at Providence, Las Palmas/Del Sol Medical Centers, and University Medical Center of El Paso.

About Western Heritage Bank

Since 2001, Western Heritage Bank, a community based institution, has been an active participant in the vibrant and diverse economy of Southern New Mexico. It has helped build businesses ranging from the agriculture industry to manufacturing operations. The bank provides modern banking conveniences with traditional, personalized service in the areas of online banking, personal banking, business banking and loans. Western Heritage Bank is a New Mexico state bank and is a wholly owned subsidiary of New Mexico First Financial, Inc. Western Heritage Bank operates locations in El Paso, Texas; Las Cruces, New Mexico; and Deming, New Mexico. For more information please visit www.westernheritagebank.com

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