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Peoples Bank pledges \$100,000 for Gold Star Families Memorial Monuments in Ohio, West Virginia and Kentucky

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MARIETTA— Peoples Bank President and CEO, Chuck Sulerzyski, announced today that the bank has pledged up to \$100,000 to support the establishment of permanent Gold Star Families Memorial Monuments in the communities it serves throughout Ohio, West Virginia and Kentucky.

A Gold Star Family member is a relative of a U.S. Armed Forces member who lost their life while serving in the U.S. Military. The purpose of the memorial monuments is to help remember the fallen heroes and the families who have made the ultimate sacrifice to their country.

The Gold Star Families Memorial Monument program was introduced by Hershel "Woody" Williams, a former U.S. Marine who received the Medal of Honor in 1945 for his heroism in the Battle of Iwo Jima. Williams founded the Hershel "Woody" Williams Medal of Honor Foundation in 2010 to establish these monuments throughout communities across the country.

"Peoples Bank is honored to support the Hershel "Woody" Williams

Medal of Honor Foundation and the Gold Star Families Memorial Monuments initiative,” stated Sulerzyski. “To pay tribute to those who have made the ultimate sacrifice for our country is a true privilege.” The Peoples Bank pledge towards the Gold Star Families Monument in Marietta, Ohio is the first of what Sulerzyski hopes will be more throughout the communities the bank serves. He stated, “We are pleased to announce additional pledges in increments of \$10,000, up to a maximum of \$100,000, for other Gold Star Families Memorial Monuments in our communities.”

According to the website for the Hershel “Woody” Williams Medal of Honor Foundation, “The purpose of the Gold Star Families Memorial Monument is to honor Gold Star Families, preserve the memory of the fallen, and stand as a stark reminder that Freedom is not free.” The mission of the organization is to honor Gold Star families, relatives and children by building Memorial Monuments throughout the United States; by offering scholarships to Gold Star children; and by sponsoring outreach programs and educating communities about Gold Star families and the sacrifice they have endured.

Peoples Bancorp Inc. is a diversified financial products and services company with \$3.5 billion in assets, 76 locations, including 67 full-service bank branches and 75 ATMs in Ohio, West Virginia and Kentucky.

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