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WASHINGTON TRUST BANCORP, INC.

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Washington Trust Bancorp, Inc. Increases Quarterly Dividend

WESTERLY, R.I., March 17, 2016 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE)... The Board of Directors of [Washington Trust Bancorp, Inc.](#), (NASDAQ OMX®: WASH), today declared a quarterly dividend of 36 cents per share for the quarter ending March 31, 2016. This represents a two-cent, or 6%, increase over the most recent quarterly dividend rate. The dividend will be paid April 14, 2016 to shareholders of record on April 1, 2016.

ABOUT WASHINGTON TRUST BANCORP, INC.

Washington Trust Bancorp, Inc. is the parent of The Washington Trust Company, with \$3.7 billion in assets as of December 31, 2015. Founded in 1800, [Washington Trust](#) is the oldest community bank in the nation, the largest state-chartered bank headquartered in Rhode Island and one of the Northeast's premier financial services companies. Washington Trust offers a full range of financial services, including [commercial banking](#), [mortgage banking](#), [personal banking](#) and [wealth management and trust services](#) through its offices located in Rhode Island, Connecticut and Massachusetts. The Corporation's common stock trades on The NASDAQ OMX® under the symbol WASH. Investor information is available on the Corporation's web site at www.washtrustbancorp.com.

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