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TRINITY BANK DECLARES SECOND CASH DIVIDEND PLUS A SPECIAL ONE-TIME DIVIDEND

FORT WORTH, TEXAS, October 10, 2012 - Trinity Bank N.A. (OTC Bulletin Board: TYBT) announced that on October 9, 2012, the Board of Directors declared the bank's second cash dividend of \$.20 per share plus a special one-time dividend of \$1.00 per share. Both dividends are payable November 15, 2012 to shareholders of record as of the close of business on October 31, 2012.

Jeffrey M. Harp, President, stated, "The primary role of management and the board of any organization is to allocate the bank's capital to produce the greatest return to shareholders commensurate with acceptable risk. The capital allocation alternatives that the Board reviews on a regular basis include the following."

- 1. Internal Growth.
- 2. Acquisition (another financial institution).
- 3. Geographic expansion (open a branch).
- 4. Return some portion of earnings to shareholders in the form of stock repurchase and/or cash dividends.

"In short, we are accumulating capital through retained earnings at a greater rate than is necessary to fund internal growth. We haven't found an acquisition or geographical expansion that makes sense. We haven't been able to purchase a significant amount of stock under plans approved by the shareholders and our primary regulator. Therefore, we are declaring both a second cash dividend and a special one-time cash dividend. We know the tax rate for dividends in 2012. We do not know what the dividend tax rate will be in 2013 – but we know it will be higher. We can provide some tangible return now to our shareholders in the most tax-advantageous manner possible."

"Please rest assured that after these cash dividends, Trinity Bank's capital position remains well above regulatory minimums. These dividends will not limit our ability to consider any of the remaining investment alternatives should an attractive opportunity appear. The Board will continue to review the dividend policy on a semiannual basis." Trinity Bank, N.A. is a commercial bank that began operations May 28, 2003. For a full financial statement, visit Trinity Bank's website: <u>www.trinitybank.com</u> click on "*About Us*" and then click on "*Investor Information*". Financial information in regulatory reporting format is also available at <u>www.fdic.gov</u>.

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