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## Meridian Bank Named Top Lender Nationally

**Malvern, Pa. (August 25, 2015)** – Meridian Bank has been recognized as a top loan producer nationally among community banks, according to the Independent Community Bankers of America<sup>®</sup> (ICBA). The ICBA, which represents more than 6,000 community banks across the nation, rated institutions based on percentage of total loans to total assets. Meridian Bank ranked third among community banks with over \$500 million in assets.

"Nothing is more fundamental to a community bank's success than successful lending," said Chris Lorence, ICBA executive vice president and chief marketing officer.

Meridian Bank CEO Chris Annas agreed, saying, "This recognition of Meridian's commercial loan growth is a testament to our exceptional team of lenders, and their ability to help local businesses and individuals thrive."

Meridian is a locally owned and managed, full-service bank commercial bank serving Pennsylvania, New Jersey and Delaware. In addition to a robust business banking platform, Meridian's specialties include commercial and consumer real estate financing, residential mortgages, retail banking, investment and wealth management services and electronic payments processing. Meridian operates 16 offices and employs over 280 team members throughout Pennsylvania, New Jersey and Delaware.