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**Kelly A. Kimball Joins Merchants Bank as Branch President**

*SOUTH BURLINGTON, VT* –Thomas S. Leavitt, Executive Vice President for Merchants Bank is pleased to announce the appointment of Kelly A. Kimball to the position of Branch President for our Essex office. Kimball succeeds Linda J. Eaton, who retired at the end of October. She will be leading a team that includes Personal Bankers Lorie Abair, Jennifer Goodrich and Chelsea Godfrey.

Kimball joined Merchants Bank in August of 1986 as a Teller/Customer Representative at the Greenhouse office in Burlington. She has since worked in various branches and departments throughout the Bank, including College Street, Kennedy Drive, Winooski, and Essex as a Floating Teller/Customer Representative, Electronic Banking Supervisor and Loan Servicing Specialist and brings a wide range of experience to the Branch President position. Kimball rejoined the Essex team in January of 2006. She earned her lending authority and was promoted to Personal Banker/Lender in 2007.

A resident of Essex, Kimball is very active in the Essex community; she serves as Girl Scout Troop Leader, Town of Essex Troop Organizer and a delegate for the Girl Scout Council of Vermont.

“I look forward to leading the Essex team and continuing the excellent customer service for which Merchants Bank is known,” said Kimball.



**Kelly A. Kimball, Merchants Bank, Essex Branch President**

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