

Plumas Bank Offers Cybersecurity Tips to Protect Sensitive Information

QUINCY, CA (Oct. 1, 2018)—In recognition of National Cybersecurity Month in October, **Plumas Bank** is reminding consumers of simple steps they can take to safeguard their sensitive data when making purchases online or via a smart device and what to do if they suspect their information has been compromised.

“Cybersecurity is something everyone needs to take seriously. A huge number of incidents are caused by people ignoring mainstream advice about things like clicking on suspicious links and maintaining secure passwords. Hackers are very adept at exploiting this ‘low hanging fruit’ so we have made educating clients about account security and cyber threats a priority,” said Andrew J. Ryback, president and chief executive officer. “We take great care in handling our clients’ sensitive information and want to equip them with practical steps they can take to help strengthen their personal cyber-threat defense system and avoid falling prey to identity theft and fraud this upcoming holiday season.”

There are steps consumers can take to reduce their chances of becoming a victim of identity theft or fraud. Plumas Bank encourages consumers to:

- **Enable the strongest authentication tools offered.** Popular authentication methods include biometrics, security keys and single-use codes.
- **Use complex passwords and differentiate them across multiple platforms.** For example, customers should use one password for their online bank account and another for their email account.
- **Do a system check.** Purge unused apps and outdated or sensitive information stored in old files and emails and ensure all software on internet-connected devices is current.

Consumers can also make sure their account has not been compromised by taking the following steps:

- **Check bank statements regularly to ensure the purchases are legitimate.**
- **Read the fine print when purchasing items online.** Often a website or application will ask for permission to save account information.
- **Stay vigilant.** Be mindful when shopping online and look for signs of illegitimate websites. Spelling or grammatical errors, missing contact information, and suspicious URLs or email addresses are all red flags.

Learn more about how to protect your digital life during National Cybersecurity Awareness Month by visiting the [Stay Safe Online website or plumasbank.com](#).

About Plumas Bank

Founded in 1980, Plumas Bank, with assets over \$735 million, is a locally owned and managed full-service community bank headquartered in Northeastern California. The Bank operates twelve branches: eleven located in the California counties of Plumas, Lassen, Shasta, Placer, Nevada, and one branch in the Nevada County of Washoe. The Bank also operates three loan production offices: two located in the California Counties of Placer and Butte, and one located in the Oregon County of Klamath. In May of this year, Plumas Bank announced that it signed a purchase and assumption agreement to acquire the Carson City, Nevada branch of Mutual of Omaha Bank. The transaction is expected to close in late October. Plumas Bank offers a wide range of financial and investment services to consumers and businesses with a strong focus on Ag and SBA lending. Plumas Bank has received nationwide Preferred Lender status with the United States Small Business Administration. For more information, please visit our website at www.plumasbank.com.

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