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## HERITAGE FINANCIAL ANNOUNCES FOURTH QUARTER AND ANNUAL 2024 RESULTS AND DECLARES REGULAR CASH DIVIDEND OF \$0.24 PER SHARE

#### Fourth Quarter 2024 Highlights

- Net income was \$11.9 million, or \$0.34 per diluted share, compared to \$11.4 million, or \$0.33 per diluted share, for the third quarter of 2024.
- Results included a pre-tax loss on sale of securities of \$3.9 million and \$2.9 million in total after-tax costs related to BOLI restructuring, resulting in an aggregate negative impact of \$0.17 per diluted share.
- Loans receivable increased \$122.6 million, or 2.6% (10.5% annualized).
- · Net interest margin increased to 3.39%, from 3.33% for the third quarter of 2024.
- Cost of total deposits decreased to 1.39%, from 1.42% for the third quarter of 2024.
- Declared a regular cash dividend of \$0.24 per share on January 22, 2025, an increase of 4.3% from the \$0.23 regular cash dividend per share declared in the fourth quarter of 2024.

Olympia, WA - Heritage Financial Corporation (Nasdaq GS: HFWA) (the "Company", "we," or "us"), the parent company of Heritage Bank (the "Bank"), today reported net income of \$11.9 million for the fourth quarter of 2024, compared to \$11.4 million for the third quarter of 2024 and \$6.2 million for the fourth quarter of 2023. Diluted earnings per share for the fourth quarter of 2024 were \$0.34 compared to \$0.33 for the third quarter of 2024 and \$0.18 for the fourth quarter of 2023. Net income for the year ended 2024 totaled \$43.3 million, or \$1.24 per diluted share, compared to \$61.8 million, or \$1.75 per diluted share for the year ended 2023.

In the fourth quarter of 2024, the Company incurred a pre-tax loss of \$3.9 million on the sale of investment securities in connection with the strategic repositioning of its balance sheet, which decreased diluted earnings per share by \$0.09 for the quarter. The Company sold \$35.6 million of investment securities with a book yield of 1.88%. Proceeds were used to fund higher yielding loan growth for the quarter. For the year ended 2024, the Company incurred pre-tax losses of \$22.7 million on the sale of investment securities in connection with the strategic balance sheet repositioning efforts, which decreased diluted earnings per share by \$0.51 for the year.

In addition, the Company restructured its bank owned life insurance ("BOLI") portfolio during the fourth quarter of 2024, incurring additional tax expense related to the sale of BOLI of \$2.4 million and other costs totaling \$508,000 included in BOLI income which decreased diluted earnings per share by \$0.08 for the quarter.

Jeff Deuel, Chief Executive Officer of the Company, commented, "We are very pleased with our operating results for the fourth quarter, which included strong loan growth, margin expansion and lower cost of deposits. In addition to an increase in net interest margin, we also saw an increase in net interest income for the second consecutive quarter. We continue to strategically reposition our balance sheet to improve future profitability. Although these actions reduce reported earnings, we are seeing the benefits to our core earnings and we are optimistic that the combination of our strong balance sheet and prudent risk management will provide sustainable long-term returns for our shareholders."

#### **Financial Highlights**

The following table provides financial highlights at the dates and for the periods indicated:

	As of or for the Quarter Ended							
	D 	ecember 31, 2024	S	eptember 30, 2024	D	ecember 31, 2023		
	(D	ollars in thous	san	ds, except pe	r sh	are amounts)		
Net income	\$	11,928	\$	11,423	\$	6,233		
Pre-tax, pre-provision income <sup>(1)</sup>	\$	17,513	\$	15,505	\$	8,001		
Diluted earnings per share	\$	0.34	\$	0.33	\$	0.18		
Return on average assets <sup>(2)</sup>		0.66 %		0.63 %		0.35 %		
Pre-tax, pre-provision return on average assets <sup>(1)(2)</sup>		0.97 %		0.86 %		0.44 %		
Return on average common equity <sup>(2)</sup>		5.46 %		5.30 %		3.04 %		
Return on average tangible common equity <sup>(1)(2)</sup>		7.81 %		7.62 %		4.69 %		
Adjusted return on average tangible common equity(1)(2)		11.59 %		10.42 %		10.21 %		
Net interest margin <sup>(2)</sup>		3.39 %		3.33 %		3.41 %		
Cost of total deposits <sup>(2)</sup>		1.39 %		1.42 %		1.01 %		
Efficiency ratio		69.3 %		71.7 %		84.2 %		
Adjusted efficiency ratio <sup>(1)</sup>		64.4 %		65.2 %		70.4 %		
Noninterest expense to average total assets <sup>(2)</sup>		2.20 %		2.18 %		2.37 %		
Total assets	\$	7,106,278	\$	7,153,363	\$	7,174,957		
Loans receivable, net	\$	4,749,655	\$	4,628,088	\$	4,287,628		
Total deposits	\$	5,684,613	\$	5,708,492	\$	5,599,872		
Loan to deposit ratio <sup>(3)</sup>		84.5 %		82.0 %		77.4 %		
Book value per share	\$	25.40	\$	25.61	\$	24.44		
Tangible book value per share <sup>(1)</sup>	\$	18.22	\$	18.45	\$	17.40		

<sup>(1)</sup> Represents a non-GAAP financial measure. See "Non-GAAP Financial Measures" section for a reconciliation to the comparable GAAP financial measure.

## **Balance Sheet**

Cash and cash equivalents decreased \$58.5 million, or 33.3%, to \$117.1 million at December 31, 2024 from \$175.6 million at September 30, 2024 primarily due to an increase in loans.

Total investment securities decreased \$104.5 million, or 6.6%, to \$1.47 billion at December 31, 2024 from \$1.57 billion at September 30, 2024. As previously noted, the Company sold \$35.6 million of investment securities at a pre-tax loss of \$3.9 million as part of its strategic balance sheet repositioning. In addition, there were investment maturities and repayments of \$54.2 million during the fourth quarter of 2024 and a \$15.0 million increase in unrealized losses on available for sale securities, due primarily to changes in market rates.

The following table summarizes the composition of the Company's investment securities portfolio at the dates indicated:

	I	December 3	1, 2024	September	30, 2024	Chang	ge
		Balance	% of Total	Balance	% of Total	\$	%
Investment securities available for sale, at	fair va	lue:					
U.S. government and agency securities	\$	12,544	0.9 %	\$ 13,054	0.8 %	\$ (510)	(3.9)%
Municipal securities		50,942	3.5	61,263	3.9	(10,321)	(16.8)
Residential CMO and MBS <sup>(1)</sup>		369,331	25.2	427,048	27.2	(57,717)	(13.5)
Commercial CMO and MBS <sup>(1)</sup>		309,741	21.0	328,861	20.9	(19,120)	(5.8)
Corporate obligations		11,770	0.8	11,706	0.7	64	0.5
Other asset-backed securities		10,066	0.7	10,847	0.7	(781)	(7.2)
Total	\$	764,394	52.1 %	\$ 852,779	54.2 %	\$ (88,385)	(10.4)%

<sup>(2)</sup> Annualized.

<sup>(3)</sup> Loans receivable divided by total deposits.

		December 31, 2024			September 30, 2024			Change		
		Balance	% of Total		Balance	% of Total		\$	%	
				usands)						
Investment securities held to maturity, at am	ortiz	zed cost:								
U.S. government and agency securities	\$	151,216	10.3 %	\$	151,181	9.6 %	\$	35	— %	
Residential CMO and MBS <sup>(1)</sup>		244,309	16.6		249,589	15.9		(5,280)	(2.1)	
Commercial CMO and MBS <sup>(1)</sup>		307,760	21.0		318,630	20.3		(10,870)	(3.4)	
Total	\$	703,285	47.9 %	\$	719,400	45.8 %	\$	(16,115)	(2.2)%	
Total investment securities	\$	1,467,679	100.0 %	\$	1,572,179	100.0 %	\$	(104,500)	(6.6)%	

<sup>(1)</sup> U.S. government agency and government-sponsored enterprise CMO and MBS

Loans receivable increased \$122.6 million, or 2.6%, to \$4.80 billion at December 31, 2024 from \$4.68 billion at September 30, 2024. New loans funded in the fourth quarter and third quarter of 2024 totaled \$181.0 million and \$176.9 million, respectively. Loan prepayments were similar to the prior quarter at \$44.4 million during the fourth quarter of 2024, compared to \$44.8 million during the prior quarter.

Commercial and industrial loans increased \$18.5 million, or 2.2%, due primarily to new loan production of \$56.3 million during the quarter, offset by pay downs on outstanding balances. Owner-occupied commercial real estate ("CRE") loans increased \$16.2 million, or 1.6%, due primarily to new loan production of \$32.0 million during the quarter, offset partially by pay downs on outstanding balances. Non-owner occupied CRE loans increased \$73.5 million, or 4.0%, due primarily to new loan production of \$74.7 million during the quarter and the transfer of \$22.3 million of commercial and multifamily construction loans upon completion of construction. Commercial and multifamily construction loans increased \$17.2 million or 4.6% due primarily to advances on outstanding commitments.

The following table summarizes the Company's loans receivable, net at the dates indicated:

	December 3	1, 2024	September 3	30, 2024	Change		
	Balance	% of Total	Balance	% of Total	\$	%	
			(Dollars in the	ousands)			
Commercial business:							
Commercial and industrial	\$ 842,672	17.5 %	\$ 824,134	17.6 %	\$ 18,538	2.2 %	
Owner-occupied CRE	1,003,243	20.9	987,084	21.1	16,159	1.6	
Non-owner occupied CRE	1,909,107	39.9	1,835,609	39.3	73,498	4.0	
Total commercial business	3,755,022	78.3	3,646,827	78.0	108,195	3.0	
Residential real estate	402,954	8.4	408,982	8.7	(6,028)	(1.5)	
Real estate construction and land development:							
Residential	83,890	1.7	79,325	1.7	4,565	5.8	
Commercial and multifamily	395,553	8.2	378,322	8.1	17,231	4.6	
Total real estate construction and land development	479,443	9.9	457,647	9.8	21,796	4.8	
Consumer	164,704	3.4	166,023	3.5	(1,319)	(8.0)	
Loans receivable	4,802,123	100.0 %	4,679,479	100.0 %	122,644	2.6	
Allowance for credit losses on loans	(52,468)		(51,391)		(1,077)	2.1	
Loans receivable, net	\$ 4,749,655		\$ 4,628,088	_	\$ 121,567	2.6 %	

Total deposits decreased \$23.9 million, or 0.4%, to \$5.68 billion at December 31, 2024 from \$5.71 billion at September 30, 2024. Non-maturity deposits decreased by \$55.6 million, or 1.2%, from September 30, 2024 due primarily to customers moving balances to higher yielding accounts. Certificates of deposit increased \$31.7 million, or 3.4%, to \$977.3 million at December 31, 2024 from \$945.6 million at September 30, 2024, primarily due to new accounts opened during the quarter offset partially by a decrease of \$25.0 million in brokered certificates of deposit. Average total deposits increased \$39.7 million to \$5.72 billion for the fourth quarter of 2024, from \$5.68 billion for the third quarter of 2024.

The following table summarizes the Company's total deposits at the dates indicated:

	December 3	1, 2024	September 3	30, 2024	Change	e
	Balance	% of Total	Balance	% of Total	\$	%
Noninterest demand deposits	\$ 1,654,955	29.1 %	\$ 1,682,219	29.5 % \$	(27,264)	(1.6)%
Interest bearing demand deposits	1,464,129	25.8	1,489,316	26.1	(25,187)	(1.7)
Money market accounts	1,166,901	20.5	1,148,720	20.1	18,181	1.6
Savings accounts	421,377	7.4	442,677	7.8	(21,300)	(4.8)
Total non-maturity deposits	4,707,362	82.8	4,762,932	83.5	(55,570)	(1.2)
Certificates of deposit	977,251	17.2	945,560	16.5	31,691	3.4
Total deposits	\$ 5,684,613	100.0 %	\$ 5,708,492	100.0 %	(23,879)	(0.4)%

Total borrowings increased \$1.0 million to \$383.0 million at December 31, 2024 from \$382.0 million at September 30, 2024. Average borrowings decreased \$78.9 million to \$373.5 million for the fourth quarter of 2024, from \$452.4 million for the third quarter of 2024. Borrowings of \$100.0 million from the Bank Term Funding Program were paid off during the quarter. All outstanding borrowings at December 31, 2024 are with the Federal Home Loan Bank ("FHLB") and mature within one year.

Total stockholders' equity decreased \$11.0 million, or 1.3%, to \$863.5 million at December 31, 2024 compared to \$874.5 million at September 30, 2024 due primarily to a \$11.7 million increase in accumulated other comprehensive loss as a result of changes in market rates, \$8.0 million in dividends paid to common shareholders and \$4.4 million in common stock repurchases, offset partially by \$11.9 million of net income recognized for the quarter.

The Company and Bank continued to maintain capital levels in excess of the applicable regulatory requirements for them both to be categorized as "well-capitalized" at December 31, 2024.

The following table summarizes the capital ratios for the Company at the dates indicated:

	December 31, 2024	September 30, 2024
Stockholders' equity to total assets	12.2%	12.2%
Tangible common equity to tangible assets (1)	9.0	9.1
Common equity tier 1 capital ratio (2)	12.0	12.3
Leverage ratio (2)	10.0	9.9
Tier 1 capital ratio (2)	12.4	12.7
Total capital ratio (2)	13.3	13.6

<sup>(1)</sup> Represents a non-GAAP financial measure. See "Non-GAAP Financial Measures" section for a reconciliation to the comparable GAAP financial measure.

### Allowance for Credit Losses and Provision for Credit Losses

The allowance for credit losses ("ACL") on loans as a percentage of loans receivable was 1.09% at December 31, 2024 compared to 1.10% at September 30, 2024. During the fourth quarter of 2024, the Company recorded a \$1.1 million provision for credit losses on loans, compared to a \$2.7 million provision for credit losses on loans during the third quarter of 2024. The provision for credit losses on loans during the quarter was due primarily to loan growth. Net charge-offs for the fourth quarter of 2024 were \$27,000.

During the fourth quarter of 2024, the Company recorded a \$79,000 provision for credit losses on unfunded commitments compared to a \$266,000 reversal of the provision for credit losses on unfunded commitments during the third quarter of 2024. The provision for credit losses on unfunded commitments during the fourth quarter of 2024 was due primarily to an increase in the unfunded exposure on loans.

<sup>(2)</sup> Current quarter ratios are estimates pending completion and filing of the Company's regulatory reports.

The following table provides detail on the changes in the ACL on loans and the ACL on unfunded commitments, and the related provision for (reversal of) credit losses for the periods indicated:

	As of or for the Quarter Ended											
	Dec	· 31, 2	024	September 30, 2024				December 31, 2023				
	ACL on Loans					ACL on Unfunded	Total					
	(Dollars in thousands)											
Balance, beginning of period	\$51,391	\$	508	\$51,899	\$51,219	\$	774	\$51,993	\$46,947	\$ 1,534	\$48,481	
Provision for (reversal of) credit losses	1,104		79	1,183	2,705		(266)	2,439	1,670	(246)	1,424	
Net charge-offs	(27)			(27)	(2,533)		_	(2,533)	(618)		(618)	
Balance, end of period	\$52,468	\$	587	\$53,055	\$51,391	\$	508	\$51,899	\$47,999	\$ 1,288	\$49,287	

#### **Credit Quality**

The percentage of classified loans to loans receivable improved to 1.4% at December 31, 2024 compared to 1.5% at September 30, 2024. Classified loans include loans rated substandard or worse. The decrease was due primarily to payoffs and principal payments on substandard loans. Total loans designated as special mention increased by \$11.6 million to \$110.7 million at December 31, 2024 compared to \$99.1 million at September 30, 2024.

The following table illustrates total loans by risk rating and their respective percentage of total loans at the dates indicated:

		December 3	1, 2024	September 3	30, 2024			
	_	Balance	% of Total	Balance	% of Total			
		(Dollars in thousands)						
Risk Rating:								
Pass	\$	4,623,080	96.3 %	\$ 4,508,424	96.4 %			
Special Mention		110,725	2.3	99,078	2.1			
Substandard		68,318	1.4	71,977	1.5			
Total	\$	4,802,123	100.0 %	\$ 4,679,479	100.0 %			

Nonaccrual loans to loans receivable were 0.08% and 0.09% at December 31, 2024 and September 30, 2024, respectively. Changes in nonaccrual loans during the periods indicated were as follows:

	Quarter Ended					
		ember 31, 2024	September 30, 2024		ecember 31, 2023	
		(Do	ollars in thousa	nds)		
Balance, beginning of period	\$	4,301	\$ 3,826	\$	3,065	
Additions		160	4,990	)	2,149	
Net principal payments and transfers to accruing status		(250)	(173	3)	(333)	
Payoffs		(132)	(1,832	<u>?</u> )	(413)	
Charge-offs			(2,510	))	_	
Balance, end of period	\$	4,079	\$ 4,30	\$	4,468	

#### Liquidity

Total liquidity sources available at December 31, 2024 were \$2.34 billion. This includes on- and off-balance sheet liquidity. The Company has access to FHLB advances and the Federal Reserve Bank ("FRB") Discount Window. The Company's available liquidity sources at December 31, 2024 represented a coverage ratio of 41.2% of total deposits and 103.1% of estimated uninsured deposits.

The following table summarizes the Company's available liquidity:

		Quarter Ended				
	De	ecember 31, 2024	Se	ptember 30, 2024		
		(Dollars in thousands)				
On-balance sheet liquidity						
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	117,100	\$	175,572		
Unencumbered investment securities available for sale (1)		746,163		848,224		
Total on-balance sheet liquidity	\$	863,263	\$	1,023,796		
Off-balance sheet liquidity						
FRB borrowing availability	\$	360,104	\$	287,739		
FHLB borrowing availability (2)		976,288		1,068,085		
Fed funds line borrowing availability with correspondent banks	<u></u>	145,000		145,000		
Total off-balance sheet liquidity	\$	1,481,392	\$	1,500,824		
Total available liquidity	\$	2,344,655	\$	2,524,620		

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>(1)</sup> Investment securities available for sale at fair value.

#### **Net Interest Income and Net Interest Margin**

Net interest income increased \$0.8 million, or 1.5%, during the fourth quarter of 2024 compared to the third quarter of 2024, due primarily to a \$1.7 million decrease in interest expense, offset partially by a \$0.9 million decrease in interest income. Net interest margin increased six basis points to 3.39% during the fourth quarter of 2024 from 3.33% during the third quarter of 2024.

The yield on interest earning assets decreased 5 basis points to 4.97% for the fourth quarter of 2024 compared to 5.02% for the third quarter of 2024. The yield on loans receivable, net, decreased 7 basis points to 5.53% during the fourth quarter of 2024 compared to 5.60% during the third quarter of 2024 as loans indexed to Prime or SOFR repriced at lower rates due to reductions in the federal funds rate.

The cost of interest bearing deposits decreased 4 basis points to 1.98% for the fourth quarter of 2024 from 2.02% for the third quarter of 2024. This decrease was primarily due to a decrease in deposit rates during the quarter.

Net interest income decreased \$0.8 million, or 0.2%, during the fourth quarter of 2024 compared to the fourth quarter of 2023 and the net interest margin decreased 2 basis points to 3.39% from 3.41% during this same period. The decrease was due primarily to an increase in interest expense resulting from increased deposit rates and borrowing expense, partially offset by an increase in yields earned on interest earning assets following increases in market interest rates.

The following table provides relevant net interest income information for the periods indicated:

				Qu	arter Ende	d			
	Dece	mber 31, 20	024	Septe	mber 30, 2	024	Dece	mber 31, 20	)23
	Average Balance	Interest Earned/ Paid	Average Yield/ Rate <sup>(1)</sup>	Average Balance	Interest Earned/ Paid	Average Yield/ Rate <sup>(1)</sup>	Average Balance	Interest Earned/ Paid	Average Yield/ Rate <sup>(1)</sup>
				(Dollar	s in thousa	inds)			
Interest Earning Assets:									
Loans receivable, net (2)(3)	\$4,665,113	\$ 64,864	5.53 %	\$4,555,090	\$ 64,138	5.60 %	\$4,233,743	\$ 57,092	5.35 %
Taxable securities	1,514,210	12,510	3.29	1,604,529	13,472	3.34	1,824,205	14,488	3.15
Nontaxable securities (3)	16,138	146	3.60	17,482	159	3.62	37,382	300	3.18
Interest earning deposits	119,275	1,440	4.80	150,384	2,048	5.42	174,475	2,382	5.42
Total interest earning assets	6,314,736	78,960	4.97 %	6,327,485	79,817	5.02 %	6,269,805	74,262	4.70 %
Noninterest earning assets	834,558			855,436			871,071		
Total assets	\$7,149,294			\$7,182,921			\$7,140,876		
Interest Bearing Liabilities:								•	
Certificates of deposit	\$ 947,929	\$ 10,070	4.23 %	\$ 906,743	\$ 10,052	4.41 %	\$ 638,101	\$ 6,261	3.89 %
Savings accounts	432,287	280	0.26	445,926	220	0.20	497,484	231	0.18
Interest bearing demand and money market accounts	2,631,577	9,622	1.45	2,644,827	9,984	1.50	2,713,482	7,846	1.15
Total interest bearing deposits	4,011,793	19,972	1.98	3,997,496	20,256	2.02	3,849,067	14,338	1.48
Junior subordinated debentures	22,019	512	9.25	21,946	541	9.81	21,729	553	10.10

<sup>(2)</sup> Includes FHLB total borrowing availability of \$1.36 billion at December 31, 2024 based on pledged assets, however, maximum credit capacity is 45% of the Bank's total assets one quarter in arrears or \$3.22 billion.

	Quarter Ended											
	Decei	mber 31, 20	24	Septe	mber 30, 2	024	Dece	mber 31, 20	)23			
	Average Balance	Interest Earned/ Paid	Average Yield/ Rate <sup>(1)</sup>	Average Balance	Interest Earned/ Paid	Average Yield/ Rate <sup>(1)</sup>	Average Balance	Interest Earned/ Paid	Average Yield/ Rate <sup>(1)</sup>			
				(Dollars	s in thousa	nds)						
Securities sold under agreement to repurchase	_	_	_	_	_	_	17,511	5	0.11			
Borrowings	373,493	4,713	5.02	452,364	6,062	5.33	459,784	5,495	4.74			
Total interest bearing liabilities	4,407,305	25,197	2.27 %	4,471,806	26,859	2.39 %	4,348,091	20,391	1.86 %			
Noninterest demand deposits	1,703,357			1,677,984			1,772,261					
Other noninterest bearing liabilities	170,324			175,332			207,141					
Stockholders' equity	868,308			857,799			813,383					
Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	\$7,149,294			\$7,182,921			\$7,140,876					
Net interest income and spread		\$ 53,763	2.70 %		\$ 52,958	2.63 %		\$ 53,871	2.84 %			

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#### **Noninterest Income**

Net interest margin

Noninterest income increased \$1.5 million to \$3.3 million during the fourth quarter of 2024 from \$1.8 million during the third quarter of 2024. The increase was due primarily to the decrease in loss resulting from the above-referenced sale of investment securities recognized in the fourth quarter of 2024 as part of the strategic repositioning of the balance sheet, compared to the loss recognized in the prior quarter in connection with the prior balance sheet repositioning transaction. The increase was partially offset by a decrease in gain on sale of other assets, net which was due to the \$1.5 million gain on sale of an administrative building recognized during the third quarter of 2024.

Noninterest income increased \$6.4 million from the same period in 2023 due primarily to the decrease in loss resulting from the above-referenced sale of investment securities recognized in the fourth quarter of 2024 as part of the strategic repositioning of the balance sheet, compared to the loss recognized in the same quarter in 2023 in connection with the prior balance sheet repositioning transaction.

The following table presents the key components of noninterest income and the change for the periods indicated:

		(	Qua	arter Ended	t		Quarter Over Quarter Change				Prior Quarter	Year Change	
	De	ecember 31, 2024	Se	eptember 30, 2024	D	ecember 31, 2023		\$	%		\$	%	
						(Dollars in	th	ousands	)				
Service charges and other fees	\$	2,892	\$	2,788	\$	2,804	\$	104	3.7 %	\$	88	3.1 %	
Card revenue		1,849		2,134		1,944		(285)	(13.4)		(95)	(4.9)	
Loss on sale of investment securities		(3,903)		(6,945)		(10,005)		3,042	43.8		6,102	61.0	
Gain on sale of loans, net		_		_		36		_	_		(36)	(100.0)	
Interest rate swap fees		357		_		_		357	_		357	_	
Bank owned life insurance income		256		860		654		(604)	(70.2)		(398)	(60.9)	
Gain on sale of other assets, net		23		1,480		_		(1,457)	(98.4)		23	_	
Other income		1,816		1,520		1,420		296	19.5		396	27.9	
Total noninterest income (loss)	\$	3,290	\$	1,837	\$	(3,147)	\$	1,453	79.1 %	\$	6,437	204.5 %	

## **Noninterest Expense**

Noninterest expense increased \$0.3 million, or 0.6%, during the fourth quarter of 2024 from the third quarter of 2024. Marketing expense and professional services expense increased compared to the prior quarter, primarily due to timing of services performed.

Noninterest expense decreased \$3.2 million, or 7.5%, during the fourth quarter of 2024 compared to the same period in 2023.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>(1)</sup> Annualized; average balances are calculated using daily balances.

<sup>(2)</sup> Average loans receivable, net includes loans held for sale and loans classified as nonaccrual, which carry a zero yield. Interest earned on loans receivable, net includes the amortization of net deferred loan fees of \$878,000, \$938,000 and \$832,000 for the fourth quarter of 2024, third quarter of 2024 and fourth quarter of 2023, respectively.

<sup>(3)</sup> Yields on tax-exempt loans and securities have not been stated on a tax-equivalent basis.

Compensation and employee benefit expense decreased primarily to a decrease in full-time equivalent employees to 751 at December 31, 2024 from 803 at December 31, 2023. Data processing expense decreased due primarily to an accrual for the early termination of a technology-related contract expensed in the fourth quarter of 2023. Marketing expenses decreased due to the timing of services performed. Professional services decreased due primarily to a \$1.5 million expense related to renewal of the core vendor contract during the fourth quarter of 2023. State/municipal business and use taxes increased primarily due to an increase in total revenue.

The following table presents the key components of noninterest expense and the change for the periods indicated:

			Qu	arter Ended		Quarter Over Quarter Change				Prior uarter	Year Change	
	De	cember 31, 2024	Se	ptember 30, 2024	De	ecember 31, 2023		\$	%		\$	%
					Dol	ars in thous	anc	ls)				
Compensation and employee benefits	\$	24,236	\$	24,367	\$	24,758	\$	(131)	(0.5)%	\$	(522)	(2.1)%
Occupancy and equipment		4,742		4,850		4,784		(108)	(2.2)		(42)	(0.9)
Data processing		4,020		3,964		4,630		56	1.4		(610)	(13.2)
Marketing		405		128		698		277	216.4		(293)	(42.0)
Professional services		663		490		2,266		173	35.3	(1	1,603)	(70.7)
State/municipal business and use taxes		1,180		1,249		909		(69)	(5.5)		271	29.8
Federal deposit insurance premium		829		824		847		5	0.6		(18)	(2.1)
Amortization of intangible assets		399		399		593		_	_		(194)	(32.7)
Other expense		3,066		3,019		3,238		47	1.6		(172)	(5.3)
Total noninterest expense	\$	39,540	\$	39,290	\$	42,723	\$	250	0.6 %	\$(3	3,183)	(7.5)%

#### **Income Tax Expense**

Income tax expense increased \$2.8 million during the fourth quarter of 2024 to \$4.4 million compared to \$1.6 million for the third quarter of 2024. The increase in income tax expense during the fourth quarter of 2024 compared to the prior quarter was primarily due to the above-referenced additional tax expense of \$2.4 million related to the BOLI restructuring during the fourth quarter of 2024.

Income tax expense increased \$4.1 million in the fourth quarter of 2024 compared to same period in 2023 due to higher pre-tax income during the fourth quarter of 2024 and the additional tax expense of \$2.4 million related to the BOLI restructuring during the fourth quarter of 2024.

The following table presents the income tax expense and related metrics and the change for the periods indicated:

			Qua	arter Ended		je –				
	De	cember 31, 2024	Sep	otember 30, 2024	De	cember 31, 2023		ıarter Over Quarter		Prior Year Quarter
				(Do	llars	in thousand	ls)			
Income before income taxes	\$	16,330	\$	13,066	\$	6,577	\$	3,264	\$	9,753
Income tax expense	\$	4,402	\$	1,643	\$	344	\$	2,759	\$	4,058
Effective income tax rate		27.0 %		12.6 %		5.2 %		14.4 %		21.8 %

## **Dividends**

On January 22, 2025, the Company's Board of Directors declared a quarterly cash dividend of \$0.24 per share. The dividend is payable on February 20, 2025 to shareholders of record as of the close of business on February 6, 2025.

### **Earnings Conference Call**

The Company will hold a telephone conference call to discuss this earnings release on Thursday, January 23, 2025 at 10:00 a.m. Pacific time. To access the call, please dial (833) 470-1428 -- access code 817868 a few minutes prior to 10:00 a.m. Pacific time. The call will be available for replay through January 30, 2025 by dialing (866) 813-9403 -- access code 202025.

## **About Heritage Financial Corporation**

Heritage Financial Corporation is an Olympia, Washington-based bank holding company with Heritage Bank, a full-service commercial bank, as its sole wholly-owned banking subsidiary. Heritage Bank has a branch network of 50 banking offices in Washington, Oregon and Idaho. Heritage Bank does business under the Whidbey Island Bank name on Whidbey Island, Washington. The Company's stock is traded on the Nasdaq Global Select Market under the symbol "HFWA." More information

about Heritage Financial Corporation can be found on its website at www.hf-wa.com and more information about Heritage Bank can be found on its website at www.heritagebanknw.com.

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#### **Forward-Looking Statements**

This press release includes "forward-looking statements" within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Such statements often include words such as "believes," "expects," "anticipates," "estimates," "forecasts," "intends," "plans," "targets," "potentially," "probably," "projects," "outlook" or similar expressions or future or conditional verbs such as "may," "will," "should," "would," and "could," as well as the negative of such words. Forward-looking statements are not historical facts but instead represent management's current expectations and forecasts regarding future events, many of which are inherently uncertain and outside of our control. Actual results may differ, possibly materially, from those currently expected or projected in these forward-looking statements. Factors that could cause our actual results to differ materially from those described in the forward-looking statements include, but are not limited to, the following: potential adverse impacts to economic conditions nationally or in our local market areas, other markets where we have lending relationships, or other aspects of our business operations or financial markets including, without limitation, as a result of credit quality deterioration, pronounced and sustained reductions in real estate market values, employment levels, and labor shortages, a potential recession or slowed economic growth; changes in the interest rate environment which could adversely affect our revenues and expenses, the value of assets and obligations, and the availability and cost of capital and liquidity; the level and impact of inflation and the current and future monetary policies of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System in response thereto; legislative or regulatory changes that adversely affect our business, including changes in banking, securities, and tax law, in regulatory policies and principles, or the interpretation and prioritization of regulatory capital or other rules; effects on the U.S. economy resulting from the implementation of policies proposed by the new presidential administration, including tariffs, mass deportations and tax regulations; credit and interest rate risks associated with our business, customers, borrowings, repayment, investment, and deposit practices; fluctuations in deposits and deposit concentrations; liquidity issues, including our ability to borrow funds or raise additional capital, if necessary; fluctuations in the value of our investment securities; credit risks and risks from concentrations (by type of geographic area, collateral and industry) within our loan portfolio; disruptions, security breaches, insider fraud, cybersecurity incidents or other adverse events, failures or interruptions in, or attacks on, our information technology systems or on the third-party vendors who perform our critical processing functions for our business, including sophisticated attacks using artificial intelligence and similar tools; rapid technological change in the financial services industry; increased competition in the financial services industry from non-banks such as credit unions and Fintech companies, including digital asset service providers; our ability to adapt successfully to technological changes to compete effectively in the marketplace, including as a result of competition from other commercial banks, mortgage banking firms, credit unions, securities brokerage firms, insurance companies, and Fintech companies; effects of critical accounting policies and judgments, including the use of estimates in determining the fair value of certain of our assets, which estimates may prove to be incorrect and result in significant declines in valuation; the commencement, costs, effects and outcome of litigation and other legal proceedings and regulatory actions against us or to which we may become subject; the effects of climate change, severe weather events, natural disasters, pandemics, epidemics and other public health crises, acts of war or terrorism, and other external events on our business and the businesses of our clients; the impact of bank failures or adverse developments at other banks and related negative publicity about the banking industry in general on investor and depositor sentiment regarding the stability and liquidity of banks; our success at managing the risks involved in the foregoing items; and other factors described in our latest Annual Report on Form 10-K and Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q and other documents filed with or furnished to the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC") which are available on our website at www.hf-wa.com and on the SEC's website at www.sec.gov. We caution readers not to place undue reliance on any forward-looking statements. Moreover, any of the forward-looking statements that we make in this press release or the documents we file with or furnish to the SEC are based only on information then actually known to us and upon management's beliefs and assumptions at the time they are made which may turn out to be wrong because of inaccurate assumptions we might make, because of the factors described above or because of other factors that we cannot foresee. We do not undertake and specifically disclaim any obligation to revise any forward-looking statements to reflect the occurrence of anticipated or unanticipated events or circumstances after the date of such statements.

## HERITAGE FINANCIAL CORPORATION CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION (Unaudited) (Dollars in thousands, except shares)

	De	ecember 31, 2024	Se	eptember 30, 2024	De	ecember 31, 2023
<u>Assets</u>						
Cash on hand and in banks	\$	58,821	\$	78,068	\$	55,851
Interest earning deposits		58,279		97,504		169,122
Cash and cash equivalents		117,100		175,572		224,973
Investment securities available for sale, at fair value (amortized cost of \$835,592, \$909,023 and \$1,227,787, respectively)		764,394		852,779		1,134,353
Investment securities held to maturity, at amortized cost (fair value of \$623,452, \$661,696 and \$662,450, respectively)		703,285		719,400		739,442
Total investment securities		1,467,679		1,572,179		1,873,795
Loans receivable		4,802,123		4,679,479		4,335,627
Allowance for credit losses on loans		(52,468)		(51,391)		(47,999)
Loans receivable, net		4,749,655		4,628,088		4,287,628
Premises and equipment, net		71,580		72,500		74,899
Federal Home Loan Bank stock, at cost		21,538		16,993		4,186
Bank owned life insurance		111,699		127,248		125,655
Accrued interest receivable		19,483		20,102		19,518
Prepaid expenses and other assets		303,452		296,190		318,571
Other intangible assets, net		3,153		3,552		4,793
Goodwill		240,939		240,939		240,939
Total assets	\$	7,106,278	\$	7,153,363	\$	7,174,957
Liabilities and Stockholders' Equity						
Non-interest bearing deposits	\$	1,654,955	\$	1,682,219	\$	1,715,847
Interest bearing deposits	Ψ	4,029,658	Ψ	4,026,273	Ψ	3,884,025
Total deposits		5,684,613		5,708,492		5,599,872
Borrowings		383,000		382,000		500,000
Junior subordinated debentures		22,058		21,985		21,765
Accrued expenses and other liabilities		153,080		166,372		200,059
Total liabilities		6,242,751		6,278,849		6,321,696
Common stock		531,674		534,917		549.748
Retained earnings		387,097		383,127		375,989
Accumulated other comprehensive loss, net		(55,244)		(43,530)		
Total stockholders' equity		863,527	_	874,514		(72,476)
Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	\$	7,106,278	\$	7,153,363	\$	853,261 7,174,957
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Shares outstanding		33,990,827		34,153,539		34,906,233

## HERITAGE FINANCIAL CORPORATION CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF INCOME (Unaudited) (Dollars in thousands, except per share amounts)

	Quarter Ended						Year Ended				
	Dec	ember 31, 2024	Sept	tember 30, 2024	De	ecember 31, 2023	De	cember 31, 2024	De	cember 31, 2023	
Interest Income											
Interest and fees on loans	\$	64,864	\$	64,138	\$	57,092	\$	247,472	\$	217,284	
Taxable interest on investment securities		12,510		13,472		14,488		54,972		58,509	
Nontaxable interest on investment securities		146		159		300		651		1,854	
Interest on interest earning deposits		1,440		2,048		2,382		6,617		6,818	
Total interest income		78,960		79,817		74,262		309,712		284,465	
Interest Expense											
Deposits		19,972		20,256		14,338		75,069		39,350	
Junior subordinated debentures		512		541		553		2,139		2,074	
Securities sold under agreement to repurchase		_		_		5		_		153	
Borrowings		4,713		6,062		5,495		23,140		17,733	
Total interest expense		25,197		26,859		20,391		100,348		59,310	
Net interest income		53,763		52,958		53,871		209,364		225,155	
Provision for credit losses		1,183		2,439		1,424		6,282		4,280	
Net interest income after provision for credit losses		52,580		50,519		52,447		203,082		220,875	
Noninterest Income											
Service charges and other fees		2,892		2,788		2,804		11,285		10,966	
Card revenue		1,849		2,134		1,944		7,752		8,340	
Loss on sale of investment securities, net		(3,903)		(6,945)		(10,005)		(22,742)		(12,231)	
Gain on sale of loans, net		_		_		36		26		343	
Interest rate swap fees		357		_		_		409		230	
Bank owned life insurance income		256		860		654		2,967		2,934	
Gain on sale of other assets, net		23		1,480		_		1,552		2	
Other income		1,816		1,520		1,420		6,224		8,079	
Total noninterest income (loss)		3,290		1,837		(3,147)		7,473		18,663	
Noninterest Expense											
Compensation and employee benefits		24,236		24,367		24,758		98,527		100,083	
Occupancy and equipment		4,742		4,850		4,784		19,289		19,156	
Data processing		4,020		3,964		4,630		14,899		17,116	
Marketing		405		128		698		988		1,930	
Professional services		663		490		2,266		2,515		4,227	
State/municipal business and use taxes		1,180		1,249		909		4,889		4,059	
Federal deposit insurance premium		829		824		847		3,260		3,312	
Amortization of intangible assets		399		399		593		1,640		2,434	
Other expense		3,066		3,019		3,238		12,289		14,306	
Total noninterest expense		39,540		39,290		42,723		158,296		166,623	
Income before income taxes		16,330		13,066		6,577		52,259		72,915	
Income tax expense		4,402		1,643		344		9,001		11,160	
Net income	\$	11,928	\$	11,423	\$	6,233	\$	43,258	\$	61,755	

			Qι	ıarter Ended		Year Ended				
	De	December 31, 2024		September 30, 2024		December 31, 2023		ecember 31, 2024	D	ecember 31, 2023
Basic earnings per share	\$	0.35	\$	0.33	\$	0.18	\$	1.26	\$	1.76
Diluted earnings per share	\$	0.34	\$	0.33	\$	0.18	\$	1.24	\$	1.75
Dividends declared per share	\$	0.23	\$	0.23	\$	0.22	\$	0.92	\$	0.88
Average shares outstanding - basic	3	34,109,339		34,322,069		34,902,029		34,465,323		35,022,247
Average shares outstanding - diluted	3	34,553,139		34,658,674		35,084,635		34,899,036		35,258,189

## HERITAGE FINANCIAL CORPORATION FINANCIAL STATISTICS (Unaudited) (Dollars in thousands)

## Average Balances, Yields, and Rates Paid:

		Year Ended December 31,									
		2024			2023						
	Average Balance	Interest Earned/ Paid	Average Yield/ Rate <sup>(1)</sup>	Average Balance	Interest Earned/ Paid	Average Yield/ Rate <sup>(1)</sup>					
Interest Earning Assets:											
Loans receivable, net <sup>(2)(3)</sup>	\$4,485,531	\$247,472	5.52 %	\$4,155,722	\$217,284	5.23 %					
Taxable securities	1,653,295	54,972	3.32	1,937,603	58,509	3.02					
Nontaxable securities <sup>(3)</sup>	18,425	651	3.53	63,051	1,854	2.94					
Interest earning deposits	125,036	6,617	5.29	129,807	6,818	5.25					
Total interest earning assets	6,282,287	309,712	4.93 %	6,286,183	284,465	4.53 %					
Noninterest earning assets	850,759			853,841							
Total assets	\$7,133,046			\$7,140,024							
Interest Bearing Liabilities:											
Certificates of deposit	\$ 857,079	\$ 36,922	4.31 %	\$ 491,653	\$ 14,554	2.96 %					
Savings accounts	451,528	920	0.20	543,096	701	0.13					
Interest bearing demand and money market accounts	2,640,487	37,227	1.41	2,771,981	24,095	0.87					
Total interest bearing deposits	3,949,094	75,069	1.90	3,806,730	39,350	1.03					
Junior subordinated debentures	21,910	2,139	9.76	21,615	2,074	9.60					
Securities sold under agreement to repurchase	_	_	_	32,976	153	0.46					
Borrowings	456,448	23,140	5.07	369,665	17,733	4.80					
Total interest bearing liabilities	4,427,452	100,348	2.27 %	4,230,986	59,310	1.40 %					
Noninterest demand deposits	1,669,301			1,899,317	•						
Other noninterest bearing liabilities	182,121			191,679							
Stockholders' equity	854,172			818,042							
Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	\$7,133,046			\$7,140,024							
Net interest income and spread		\$209,364	2.66 %		\$225,155	3.13 %					
Net interest margin			3.33 %			3.58 %					

<sup>(1)</sup> Average balances are calculated using daily balances.
(2) Average loans receivable, net includes loans held for sale and loans classified as nonaccrual, which carry a zero yield. Interest earned on loans receivable, net includes the amortization of net deferred loan fees of \$3.6 million and \$3.3 million for the year ended December 31, 2024 and 2023,

respectively.

(3) Yields on tax-exempt loans and securities have not been stated on a tax-equivalent basis.

# HERITAGE FINANCIAL CORPORATION FINANCIAL STATISTICS (Unaudited) (Dollars in thousands)

## **Nonperforming Assets and Credit Quality Metrics:**

	Quarter Ended							Year Ended				
	Dec	December 31, 2024		September 30, 2024		December 31, 2023		December 31, 2024		cember 31, 2023		
Allowance for Credit Losses on Loa	ıns:											
Balance, beginning of period	\$	51,391	\$	51,219	\$	46,947	\$	47,999	\$	42,986		
Provision for credit losses on loans		1,104		2,705		1,670		6,983		4,736		
Charge-offs:												
Commercial business		(4)		(2,560)		(543)		(2,953)		(719)		
Consumer		(92)		(85)		(166)		(538)		(586)		
Total charge-offs		(96)		(2,645)		(709)		(3,491)		(1,305)		
Recoveries:												
Commercial business		48		72		30		855		1,372		
Consumer		21		40		61		122		210		
Total recoveries		69		112		91		977		1,582		
Net recoveries (charge-offs)		(27)		(2,533)		(618)		(2,514)		277		
Balance, end of period	\$	52,468	\$	51,391	\$	47,999	\$	52,468	\$	47,999		
Net charge-offs (recoveries) on loans to average loans receivable, net annualized		— %		0.22 %		0.06 %		0.06 %		(0.01)%		

	December 31, 2024		September 30, 2024		De	cember 31, 2023
Nonperforming Assets:						
Nonaccrual loans:						
Commercial business	\$	3,919	\$	4,301	\$	4,468
Consumer		160		_		_
Total nonaccrual loans		4,079		4,301		4,468
Accruing loans past due 90 days or more		1,195		5,347		1,293
Total nonperforming loans		5,274		9,648		5,761
Other real estate owned		_				_
Nonperforming assets	\$	5,274	\$	9,648	\$	5,761
ACL on loans to:						
Loans receivable		1.09 %		1.10 %		1.11 %
Nonaccrual loans		1,286.30 %		1,194.86 %		1,074.28 %
Nonaccrual loans to loans receivable		0.08 %		0.09 %		0.10 %
Nonperforming loans to loans receivable		0.11 %		0.21 %		0.13 %
Nonperforming assets to total assets		0.07 %		0.13 %		0.08 %

## HERITAGE FINANCIAL CORPORATION QUARTERLY FINANCIAL STATISTICS (Unaudited) (Dollars in thousands, except per share amounts)

**Quarter Ended** December 31, September 30, June 30, March 31, December 31, 2024 2024 2024 2024 2023 **Earnings:** \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ Net interest income 53,763 52,958 51,113 51,530 53,871 Provision for credit losses 1,183 2,439 1,268 1,392 1,424 Noninterest income (loss) 3,290 1,837 5,246 (2,900)(3,147)Noninterest expense 39,540 39,290 39,096 40,370 42,723 Net income 11,928 11,423 14,159 5,748 6,233 Pre-tax, pre-provision net income (1) 8,001 17,513 15,505 17,263 8,260 Basic earnings per share \$ 0.35 \$ 0.33 \$ 0.41 \$ 0.17 \$ 0.18 \$ \$ Diluted earnings per share 0.34 \$ 0.33 \$ 0.41 \$ 0.16 0.18 **Average Balances:** Loans receivable, net (2) 4,665,113 4,555,090 4,303,394 4,233,743 \$ 4,415,790 Total investment securities 1,530,348 1,622,011 1,704,607 1,832,011 1,861,587 Total interest earning assets 6,314,736 6,327,485 6,241,936 6,244,138 6,269,805 Total assets 7,149,294 7,182,921 7,106,791 7,092,452 7,140,876 Total interest bearing deposits 4,011,793 3,997,496 3,916,977 3,868,890 3,849,067 Total noninterest demand deposits 1,703,357 1,677,984 1,638,262 1,657,132 1,772,261 Stockholders' equity 868,308 857,799 846,947 813,383 843,438 **Financial Ratios:** Return on average assets (3) 0.66 % 0.63 % 0.80 % 0.33 % 0.35 % Pre-tax, pre-provision return on average assets  $^{(1)(3)}$ 0.97 0.44 0.86 0.98 0.47 Return on average common equity (3) 5.46 5.30 6.75 2.73 3.04 Return on average tangible common equity  $^{(1)(3)}$ 4.69 7.81 7.62 9.74 4.07 Adjusted return on average tangible common equity 10.74 10.21 11.59 10.42 9.34 69.3 Efficiency ratio 71.7 69.4 83.0 84.2 Adjusted efficiency ratio (1) 64.4 65.2 67.1 68.9 70.4 Noninterest expense to average total assets (3) 2.20 2.18 2.21 2.29 2.37 Net interest spread (3) 2.70 2.63 2.62 2.70 2.84 Net interest margin (3) 3.39 3.33 3.29 3.32 3.41

<sup>(1)</sup> Represents a non-GAAP financial measure. See "Non-GAAP Financial Measures" section for a reconciliation to the comparable GAAP financial measure.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>(2)</sup> Average loans receivable, net includes loans held for sale.

<sup>(3)</sup> Annualized.

## HERITAGE FINANCIAL CORPORATION **QUARTERLY FINANCIAL STATISTICS (Unaudited)** (Dollars in thousands, except per share amounts)

As of or for the Quarter Ended

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	De	ecember 31, 2024	S	eptember 30, 2024		June 30, 2024		March 31, 2024	D	ecember 31, 2023
Select Balance Sheet:										
Total assets	\$	7,106,278	\$	7,153,363	\$	7,059,857	\$	7,091,283	\$	7,174,957
Loans receivable, net		4,749,655		4,628,088		4,481,396		4,378,429		4,287,628
Total investment securities		1,467,679		1,572,179		1,658,590		1,730,516		1,873,795
Total deposits		5,684,613		5,708,492		5,515,652		5,532,327		5,599,872
Noninterest demand deposits		1,654,955		1,682,219		1,599,367		1,637,111		1,715,847
Stockholders' equity		863,527		874,514		850,507		847,580		853,261
Financial Measures:										
Book value per share	\$	25.40	\$	25.61	\$	24.66	\$	24.43	\$	24.44
Tangible book value per share (1)		18.22		18.45		17.56		17.36		17.40
Stockholders' equity to total assets		12.2 %		12.2 %		12.0 %		12.0 %		11.9 %
Tangible common equity to tangible assets (1)		9.0		9.1		8.9		8.8		8.8
Loans to deposits ratio		84.5		82.0		82.2		80.0		77.4
Regulatory Capital Ratios: (2)										
Common equity tier 1 capital ratio		12.0 %		12.3 %		12.6 %		12.6 %		12.9 %
Leverage ratio		10.0		9.9		10.1		10.0		10.0
Tier 1 capital ratio		12.4		12.7		13.0		13.0		13.3
Total capital ratio		13.3		13.6		13.9		13.9		14.1
Credit Quality Metrics:										
ACL on loans to:										
Loans receivable		1.09 %		1.10 %		1.13 %		1.12 %		1.11 %
Nonaccrual loans		1,286.3		1,194.9		1,338.7		1,037.9		1,074.3
Nonaccrual loans to loans receivable		0.08		0.09		0.08		0.11		0.10
Nonperforming loans to loans receivable		0.11		0.21		0.18		0.17		0.13
Nonperforming assets to total assets		0.07		0.13		0.12		0.10		0.08
Net charge-offs (recoveries) on loans to average loans receivable, net <sup>(3)</sup>		0.00		0.22		0.00		0.00		0.06
Criticized Loans by Credit Quality Ra	ating	<u>g:</u>								
Special mention	\$	110,725	\$	99,078	\$	93,694	\$	102,232	\$	79,977
Substandard		68,318		71,977		82,496		70,183		69,757
Other Metrics:										
Number of banking offices		50		50		50		50		50
Deposits per branch	\$	113,692	\$	114,170	\$	110,313	\$	110,647	\$	111,997
Average number of full-time equivalent employees		751		749		748		765		803
Average assets per full-time equivalent employee		9,520		9,590		9,501		9,271		8,893

<sup>(1)</sup> See Non-GAAP Financial Measures section herein.
(2) Current quarter ratios are estimates pending completion and filing of the Company's regulatory reports.
(3) Annualized.

## HERITAGE FINANCIAL CORPORATION NON-GAAP FINANCIAL MEASURES (Unaudited) (Dollars in thousands, except per share amounts)

This earnings release contains certain financial measures not presented in accordance with U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles ("GAAP") in addition to financial measures presented in accordance with GAAP. The Company has presented these non-GAAP financial measures in this earnings release because it believes that they provide useful and comparative information to assess trends in the Company's capital, performance and asset quality reflected in the current quarter and comparable period results and to facilitate comparison of its performance with the performance of its peers. These non-GAAP financial measures have inherent limitations, are not required to be uniformly applied and are not audited. They should not be considered in isolation or as a substitute for financial measures presented in accordance with GAAP. These non-GAAP financial measures may not be comparable to similarly titled measures reported by other companies. Reconciliations of the non-GAAP financial measures used in this earnings release to the comparable GAAP financial measures are presented below.

The Company considers the tangible common equity to tangible assets ratio and tangible book value per share to be useful measurements of the adequacy of the Company's capital levels.

	D	ecember 31, 2024	S	eptember 30, 2024		June 30, 2024	March 31, 2024	D	ecember 31, 2023
<b>Tangible Common Equity to Tangible</b>	e A	ssets and Tar	ngik	ole Book Value	P	er Share:			
Total stockholders' equity (GAAP)	\$	863,527	\$	874,514	\$	850,507	\$ 847,580	\$	853,261
Exclude intangible assets		(244,092)		(244,491)		(244,890)	(245,311)		(245,732)
Tangible common equity (non-GAAP)	\$	619,435	\$	630,023	\$	605,617	\$ 602,269	\$	607,529
Total assets (GAAP)	\$	7,106,278	\$	7,153,363	\$	7,059,857	\$ 7,091,283	\$	7,174,957
Exclude intangible assets		(244,092)		(244,491)		(244,890)	(245,311)		(245,732)
Tangible assets (non-GAAP)	\$	6,862,186	\$	6,908,872	\$	6,814,967	\$ 6,845,972	\$	6,929,225
Stockholders' equity to total assets (GAAP)		12.2 %		12.2 %		12.0 %	12.0 %		11.9 %
Tangible common equity to tangible assets (non-GAAP)		9.0 %		9.1 %		8.9 %	8.8 %		8.8 %
Shares outstanding		33,990,827		34,153,539		34,496,197	34,689,843		34,906,233
Book value per share (GAAP)	\$	25.40	\$	25.61	\$	24.66	\$ 24.43	\$	24.44
Tangible book value per share (non-GAAP)	\$	18.22	\$	18.45	\$	17.56	\$ 17.36	\$	17.40

## HERITAGE FINANCIAL CORPORATION NON-GAAP FINANCIAL MEASURES (Unaudited) (Dollars in thousands, except per share amounts)

The Company considers the return on average tangible common equity ratio to be a useful measurement of the Company's ability to generate returns for its common shareholders. By removing the impact of intangible assets and their related amortization and tax effects, the performance of the Company's ongoing business operations can be evaluated. The Company believes that presenting an adjusted return on tangible common equity ratio, which excludes certain non-recurring items is useful in measuring performance of the Company's ongoing business operations by removing the volatility of these non-recurring items.

	Quarter Ended										
	December 31, 2024		Se	ptember 30, 2024		June 30, 2024		March 31, 2024	De	ecember 31, 2023	
Return on Average Tangible Commo	n E	quity, annual	ized	<u>l:</u>							
Net income (GAAP)	\$	11,928	\$	11,423	\$	14,159	\$	5,748	\$	6,233	
Add amortization of intangible assets		399		399		421		421		593	
Exclude tax effect of adjustment		(84)		(84)		(88)		(88)		(125)	
Tangible net income (non-GAAP)	\$	12,243	\$	11,738	\$	14,492	\$	6,081	\$	6,701	
Tangible net income (non-GAAP)	\$	12,243	\$	11,738	\$	14,492	\$	6,081	\$	6,701	
Exclude loss on sale of investment securities, net		3,903		6,945		1,921		9,973		10,005	
Exclude gain on sale of premises and equipment		(23)		(1,480)		(49)		_		_	
Exclude tax effect of adjustment		(815)		(1,148)		(393)		(2,094)		(2,101)	
Exclude BOLI restructuring costs included in BOLI Income		508		_		_		_		_	
Exclude tax expense related to BOLI restructuring	\$	2,371	\$	_	\$	_	\$	_	\$	_	
Adjusted tangible net income (non-GAAP)	\$	18,187	\$	16,055	\$	15,971	\$	13,960	\$	14,605	
Average stockholders' equity (GAAP)	\$	868,308	\$	857,799	\$	843,438	\$	846,947	\$	813,383	
Exclude average intangible assets		(244,302)		(244,706)		(245,106)		(245,536)		(246,022)	
Average tangible common stockholders' equity (non-GAAP)	\$	624,006	\$	613,093	\$	598,332	\$	601,411	\$	567,361	
Return on average common equity, annualized (GAAP)		5.46 %		5.30 %		6.75 %		2.73 %		3.04 %	
Return on average tangible common equity, annualized (non-GAAP)		7.81 %		7.62 %		9.74 %		4.07 %		4.69 %	
Adjusted return on average tangible common equity, annualized (non-GAAP)		11.59 %		10.42 %		10.74 %		9.34 %		10.21 %	

## HERITAGE FINANCIAL CORPORATION NON-GAAP FINANCIAL MEASURES (Unaudited) (Dollars in thousands, except per share amounts)

The Company believes that presenting pre-tax pre-provision income, which reflects its profitability before income taxes and provision for credit losses, and the pre-tax, pre-provision return on average assets are useful measurements in assessing its operating income and expenses by removing the volatility that may be associated with credit loss provisions.

					Q	uarter Ended						
	December 31, 2024		September 30, 2024		June 30, 2024		March 31, 2024		December 31, 2023			
Pre-tax, Pre-provision Income and Pre-tax, Pre-provision Return on Average Assets, annualized:												
Net income (GAAP)	\$	11,928	\$	11,423	\$	14,159	\$	5,748	\$	6,233		
Add income tax expense		4,402		1,643		1,836		1,120		344		
Add (subtract) provision for (reversal of) credit losses		1,183		2,439		1,268		1,392		1,424		
Pre-tax, pre-provision income (non-GAAP)	\$	17,513	\$	15,505	\$	17,263	\$	8,260	\$	8,001		
Average total assets (GAAP)	\$	7,149,294	\$	7,182,921	\$	7,106,791	\$	7,092,452	\$	7,140,876		
Return on average assets, annualized (GAAP)		0.66 %		0.63 %		0.80 %		0.33 %		0.35 %		
Pre-tax, pre-provision return on average assets (non-GAAP)		0.97 %		0.86 %		0.98 %		0.47 %		0.44 %		

The Company believes that presenting an adjusted efficiency ratio, which excludes certain non-recurring items is useful in measuring operating income and expenses by removing the volatility of these non-recurring items.

					Qι	ıarter Ended				
	December 31, 2024		September 30, 2024		June 30, 2024		March 31, 2024		December 31, 2023	
Adjusted Efficiency Ratio:										
Total noninterest expense (GAAP)	\$	39,540	\$	39,290	\$	39,096	\$	40,370	\$	42,723
Net interest income (GAAP)	\$	53,763	\$	52,958	\$	51,113	\$	51,530	\$	53,871
Total noninterest income (GAAP)	\$	3,290	\$	1,837	\$	5,246	\$	(2,900)	\$	(3,147)
Exclude (gain) loss on sale of investment securities, net		3,903		6,945		1,921		9,973		10,005
Exclude gain on sale of premises and equipment		(23)		(1,480)		(49)		_		_
Exclude BOLI restructuring costs included in BOLI Income		508		_		_		_		_
Adjusted total noninterest income (non-GAAP)	\$	7,678	\$	7,302	\$	7,118	\$	7,073	\$	6,858
Efficiency ratio (GAAP)		69.3 %		71.7 %		69.4 %		83.0 %		84.2 %
Adjusted efficiency ratio (non-GAAP)		64.4 %		65.2 %		67.1 %		68.9 %		70.4 %