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Ameris Bank Promotes Andy Thomas to Lowcountry Market President

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MOUNT PLEASANT, S.C. -- Ameris Bank announces the promotion of Andy Thomas to Lowcountry Market President. Thomas, who was previously the market president for Beaufort, will be based in Mount Pleasant and will lead a team of commercial bankers to serve the loan, deposit and service needs of businesses throughout the Greater Charleston, Mount Pleasant, Summerville and Beaufort areas.

In this role, Thomas will continue reporting to Regional President for the Carolinas and Executive Vice President Richard Sturm. Thomas will still work closely with the bank's Beaufort leadership, including Business Banker Mark Cutler and Branch Manager Melissa Williams.

"It is rewarding to continue to serve the business community of Greater Charleston, which I have done for more than 25 years," Thomas said. "I will be working alongside a team of bright, dedicated bankers to earn the relationships of businesses across the region. I look forward to making 'boots on the ground' visits to my customers' locations or job sites, which gives me a greater sense for their businesses and helps our team to recommend the right financial solutions."

Thomas will remain involved in the Charleston community through his leadership and volunteer efforts. He previously served as chairman and commissioner of the Charleston County Parks & Recreation Commission and was a board member for the Maritime Association of South Carolina and Kids on Point, which fosters life-readiness skills for children from under-resourced neighborhoods. He regularly volunteers his time to support youth sports and provide coaching and instruction for local small businesses. Thomas is a Clemson University graduate where he earned a bachelor's degree in financial management.

"Andy is a fantastic leader at Ameris and in his community, and this expanded role will allow him to help

even more businesses reach their growth goals," said Sturm. "He is known for building strong, lasting relationships and I know he will continue to empower businesses to gain financial peace of mind.

About Ameris Bancorp
Ameris Bancorp is a bank holding company headquartered in Atlanta, Georgia and the parent of Ameris Bank, a Georgia state-chartered bank. Ameris Bank currently has 165 branches
in Georgia, Alabama, Florida, North Carolina and South Carolina.

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