



March 12, 2019

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS

To our Shareholders:

Hancock Whitney Corporation (the Company) will hold its Annual Meeting of Shareholders on Wednesday, April 24, 2019, at 10:30 a.m. local time at Hancock Whitney Plaza, 2510 14th Street, Gulfport, Mississippi 39501 for the following purposes:

1. To elect four directors to serve until the 2022 annual meeting;
2. To approve, on an advisory basis, the compensation of our named executive officers; and
3. To ratify the selection of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP as the Company's independent registered public accounting firm to audit the books of the Company and its subsidiaries for 2019.

Only holders of record of shares of our common stock at the close of business on February 25, 2019 are entitled to notice of, and to vote at, the meeting or any adjournment thereof. We direct your attention to the attached proxy statement for more complete information regarding the matters to be acted upon at the annual meeting.

Your vote is important, whether or not you expect to attend the meeting. If voting by mail, please mark, date, sign and promptly return the enclosed proxy in the accompanying envelope. No postage is required if mailed in the United States. You may later revoke your proxy and vote in person.

By order of the Board of Directors,

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James B. Estabrook, Jr.
Chairman of the Board

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John M. Hairston", written in a cursive style.

John M. Hairston
President & CEO

Important Notice Regarding the Availability of Proxy Materials for the Shareholder Meeting to be held on April 24, 2019:
The notice of annual meeting, proxy statement, proxy card and the 2018 annual report for the period ending December 31, 2018, are available at <https://materials.proxyvote.com/410120>