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## NORTHEAST BANCORP SHAREHOLDERS APPROVE MERGER

### WITH FHB FORMATION LLC

Lewiston, MAINE (July 27, 2010) - Northeast Bancorp (“Northeast”), the holding company for Maine-based, Northeast Bank, today announced that the shareholders of Northeast approved the merger of FHB Formation, LLC with and into Northeast. The number of shares of Northeast common stock voting to approve the merger agreement represented approximately 75 percent of the total number of shares outstanding and entitled to vote. Completion of the merger is subject to customary closing conditions, as well as the approval of various regulatory agencies.

Jim Delamater, President and CEO of Northeast said, “We are very pleased that 75% of our shareholders approved the transaction. This vote is an important step in ensuring Northeast’s future success, providing even greater opportunities for our customers, employees, shareholders and our region in the years ahead.”

#### ABOUT NORTHEAST BANCORP

Northeast Bancorp (NASDAQ: NBN) is the holding company for Northeast Bank, a leader in delivering one-stop shopping for financial services, headquartered in Lewiston, Maine. Northeast has approximately \$612 million in assets as of March 31, 2010 and derives its income from a combination of traditional banking services and non-traditional financial products and services including insurance and investments, operating 10 traditional bank branches, 12 insurance offices and three investment centers that serve western, central, mid-coastal and southern Maine, as well as seacoast New Hampshire. Information regarding Northeast Bank Insurance Group, Inc. and Northeast Bank can be found at [www.northeastbank.com](http://www.northeastbank.com) or by contacting 800-284-5989.

#### ABOUT FHB FORMATION LLC

FHB Formation LLC, an entity created for this investment, is led by a highly experienced team of executives with a significant track record of growth and success in financial services. Richard Wayne is Chief Executive Officer of FHB. Previously, Mr. Wayne co-founded Capital Crossing Bank in 1988 and served as President and Co-Chief Executive Officer from 1991 until its sale in 2007. Claire S. Bean is FHB’s Chief Financial Officer and Chief Operating Officer. She has a 25-year track record in financial services, most recently as Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of Benjamin Franklin Bancorp until its sale in 2009. Heather P. Campion is FHB’s Chief Administrative Officer. She has over 25 years of experience as a leading executive in the public and private sectors, and was the Group Executive Vice President and Director of Corporate Affairs at Citizens Financial Group from 1998-2007.

Cautionary Statement Regarding Forward-Looking Statements

This press release contains forward-looking statements within the meaning of the “safe harbor” provisions of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. These statements are based on management’s current expectations and beliefs and are subject to a number of factors and uncertainties that could cause actual results to differ materially from those described in the forward-looking statements. The forward-looking statements contained in this document include statements concerning the proposed transaction. These statements are not guarantees of future performance, involve certain risks, uncertainties and assumptions that are difficult to predict, and are based upon assumptions as to future events that may not prove accurate. Therefore, actual outcomes and results may differ materially from what is expressed herein. For example, if Northeast fails to satisfy other conditions to closing, the transaction may not be consummated. The following factors, among others, could cause actual results to differ materially from those described in the forward-looking statements: risks associated with uncertainty as to whether the transaction will be completed, costs and potential litigation associated with the transaction, the failure of either party to meet the closing conditions set forth in the merger agreement, the extent and timing of regulatory approvals and the other risk factors discussed from time to time by Northeast in reports filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the “SEC”). We urge you to carefully consider the risks which are described in Northeast’s Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended June 30, 2009 and in Northeast’s other SEC filings. Northeast is under no obligation to (and expressly disclaims any such obligation to) update or alter its forward-looking statements whether as a result of new information, future events, or otherwise.

#### Additional Information about the Transaction

In connection with the proposed merger, Northeast has filed with the SEC a registration statement on Form S-4 containing a proxy statement/prospectus dated June 14, 2010, which has been mailed to Northeast shareholders. Investors and shareholders of Northeast are urged to read the proxy statement/prospectus filed with the SEC because it contains important information about Northeast and the proposed transaction. The proxy statement/prospectus and any other documents filed by Northeast with the SEC may be obtained free of charge at the SEC’s website at [www.sec.gov](http://www.sec.gov). In addition, investors and security holders may obtain free copies of the documents filed with the SEC by Northeast by contacting Northeast at [www.northeastbank.com](http://www.northeastbank.com).

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