

Bank of Granite

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Bank of Granite Names Goodson Vice President/Credit Review Officer

Hickory, N.C.—Robert “Bob” Goodson, a Catawba County native with 35 years of banking experience, has joined Bank of Granite as Vice President/Credit Review Officer. Goodson is a Western Carolina University graduate with a BS in business. He comes to Bank of Granite after 33 years with Wachovia where he was Vice President/Credit Products Manager.

“We are delighted to have someone with the experience, knowledge and character Bob brings to our bank family,” stated John Gabriel, Bank of Granite Senior Vice President. Goodson joined the bank April 1, and will be located at its Hickory Plaza office.

“I’m so glad to be with Bank of Granite and for the tremendous opportunity it provides. Banking is all about people and this bank has some of the best—all of whom have been so welcoming,” declared Goodson.

Bank of Granite Corporation is the parent company of Bank of Granite and Granite Mortgage, Inc. The bank operates 21 full service banking offices in Burke, Caldwell, Catawba, Forsyth, Mecklenburg, Watauga and Wilkes Counties. Granite Mortgage, headquartered in Winston-Salem, originates home mortgages in these areas, as well as, in Hilton Head, S.C.

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