



September 27, 2016

***A statement from Daniel J. Schrider, President and CEO of Sandy Spring Bank, regarding Forbes recognition***

In banking, we talk a lot about assets – and by assets we typically mean tangible items that have a fixed financial value. But our most valuable asset is not one that's easily quantifiable on a balance sheet, and it's not something that can be bought and sold. It's trust – and it has to be earned through years of honest, dependable and remarkable service.

That's why I'm especially proud that Sandy Spring Bancorp, the holding company for Sandy Spring Bank, was recognized by *Forbes* magazine once again as one of the 50 Most Trustworthy Financial Companies in America. This is the 11th consecutive year that we have earned this high designation, which is based on a review by *Forbes* and an independent research company of nearly 700 publicly-traded companies with market caps of \$250 million or more.

The trust that we have earned has been built on our commitment to always put our clients first. It's a true recognition of the people, culture and values that differentiate Sandy Spring Bank in a highly competitive market. I am deeply grateful for the opportunity to serve our clients, community and shareholders, and I am proud of what our employees have accomplished on their behalf.

Daniel J. Schrider  
President and CEO  
Sandy Spring Bank

**About Sandy Spring Bancorp, Inc.**

Sandy Spring Bancorp, Inc., headquartered in Olney, Maryland, is the holding company for Sandy Spring Bank. Independent and community-oriented, Sandy Spring Bank offers a broad range of commercial banking, retail banking, mortgage and trust services throughout central Maryland, Northern Virginia, and the greater Washington, D.C. market. Through its subsidiaries, Sandy Spring Insurance Corporation and West Financial Services, Inc., Sandy Spring Bank also offers a comprehensive menu of insurance and wealth management services. With \$4.7 billion in assets, the bank

operates 44 community offices and six financial centers across the region.  
Visit [www.sandyspringbank.com](http://www.sandyspringbank.com) for more information.

Sandy Spring Bank

Media Contact

Jen Schell

301-570-8331

[jschell@sandyspringbank.com](mailto:jschell@sandyspringbank.com)