

Community Bank System, Inc. Announces 12% or Four Cent Increase to Its Quarterly Dividend Resulting in Its 26th Consecutive Year of Dividend Increases

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SYRACUSE, N.Y.--(BUSINESS WIRE)-- Community Bank System, Inc. (NYSE: CBU) announced that it has declared a quarterly cash dividend of \$0.38 per share on its common stock. The dividend will be payable on October 10, 2018 to shareholders of record as of September 14, 2018.

The \$0.38 cash dividend represents a \$0.04, or 12%, increase and an annualized yield of 2.34% based on the closing share price of \$64.89 on August 14, 2018. This increase marks the twenty-sixth (26th) consecutive year of dividend increases for the Company. President and Chief Executive Officer, Mark E. Tryniski, commented, "This dividend increase of four cents reflects the Company's confidence in its earnings strength and is evidence of its ability to invest in the Company's long-term growth while generating premium returns for its shareholders."

Community Bank System, Inc. operates more than 230 customer facilities across Upstate New York, Northeastern Pennsylvania, Vermont, and Western Massachusetts through its banking subsidiary, Community Bank, N.A. With assets of over \$10.6 billion, the DeWitt, N.Y. headquartered company is among the country's 150 largest financial institutions. In addition to a full range of retail, business, and municipal banking services, the Company offers comprehensive financial planning, insurance and wealth management services through its' Community Bank Wealth Management Group and OneGroup NY, Inc. operating subsidiaries. The Company's Benefit Plans Administrative Services, Inc. subsidiary is a leading provider of employee benefits administration, trust services, collective investment fund administration and actuarial consulting services to customers on a national scale. Community Bank System, Inc. is listed on the New York Stock Exchange and the Company's stock trades under the symbol CBU. For more information about Community Bank visit www.communitybankna.com or

<http://ir.communitybanksystem.com>.

This press release contains forward-looking statements within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. The following factors, among others, could cause the actual results of CBU's operations to differ materially from CBU's expectations: the successful integration of operations of its acquisitions; competition; changes in economic conditions, interest rates and financial markets; and changes in legislation or regulatory requirements. These statements are based on the current beliefs and expectations of CBU's management and CBU does not assume any duty to update forward-looking statements.

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