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## CITIZENS FINANCIAL SERVICES, INC. DECLARES DIVIDEND

MANSFIELD, PENNSYLVANIA— The Board of Directors of Citizens Financial Services, Inc. (CZFS) the bank holding company for First Citizens Community Bank, recently declared a cash dividend for Citizens Financial Services shareholders.

A cash dividend of \$.305 per share will be paid on October 26, 2012 to shareholders of record on October 19, 2012. This quarterly cash dividend is an increase of 12.9% over the dividend declared one year ago. CEO and President Randall E. Black stated, "Our continued outstanding financial performance has permitted us to increase our dividend \$.035 per share over last year's October dividend, resulting in a very attractive dividend yield, and is consistent with the Board of Directors' desire to provide total shareholder return to our shareholder base."

Citizens Financial Services, Inc. is an \$875 million bank holding company conducting business through First Citizens Community Bank. First Citizens Community Bank operates 17 full-service offices in Pennsylvania and New York as well as a loan production office in Lock Haven, PA.

For further information regarding the stock of Citizens Financial Services, Inc., please contact any of the following firms: Automated Trading Desk, 866-283-2831; Boenning & Scattergood, Inc., 800-842-8928; Keefe, Bruyette & Woods, Inc., 800-342-5529; Monroe Securities Inc., 800-766-5560; Pershing LLC, 201-413-2700; RBC Capital Markets Corp., 800-959-5951; Sandler O' Neill & Partners, 212-466-8020; Stifel, Nicolaus & Co., Inc., 973-549-4200; UBS Securities, LLC, 203-719-8710.

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