

## **BENSON JOINS CONSUMERS NATIONAL BANK AS AKRON METRO MANAGER**

Minerva, Ohio—Consumers National Bank announced today that Michael Benson has joined the Minerva-based bank as the Akron Metro Manager of its Business Lending office in Stow at 3885 Darrow Road. In this position, Benson will be responsible for developing commercial loan relationships with businesses in Summit, Portage, and Cuyahoga counties. He will report to Scott Dodds, Executive Vice President & Senior Loan Officer at Consumers.

“We are extremely pleased to have Mike join our team. Mike's in depth banking experience coupled with his knowledge of the Akron Metro Market is consistent with our culture of hiring trusted business advisors as business development officers and leaders in the communities in which we serve,” said Dodds.

“Consumers National Bank is a strong, local financial organization with a solid history of community lending,” said Ralph J. Lober, II, president and CEO of Consumers National Bank. “As part of our long-term strategic plan, Consumers is taking this opportunity to provide a local office for our existing Summit County clients and bring our unique business lending philosophy to more businesses and farms in Summit, Portage, and Cuyahoga counties,” said Lober.

Benson has more than 30 years of banking experience as a senior market executive, business banking executive, and commercial lender at banks in the northeast Ohio and western Pennsylvania region. He is a graduate of Kalamazoo College with a degree in Economics and earned his MBA at Kent State University. Benson is also a graduate of the National Commercial Lending School in Norman, Oklahoma.

Benson is an active volunteer in his community and serves as a member of the Portage Development Board and Kent Area Chamber of Commerce. He resides in Streetsboro with his wife Carol and has three adult children.

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*Caption: Michael Benson has joined Consumers National Bank as the Akron Metro Manager of its Business Lending office in Stow.*

Consumers National Bank is an independent community bank that provides a comprehensive line of banking and other investment services to business and personal customers through its main office in Minerva, and branches in Alliance, Canton, Carrollton, East Canton, Hanoverton, Hartville, Lisbon, Louisville, Malvern, Salem, Waynesburg, and Business Lending offices in Stow and Wooster, Ohio. More information about Consumers National Bank can be accessed online at [www.ConsumersBank.com](http://www.ConsumersBank.com). Member FDIC.