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WASHINGTON TRUST BANCORP, INC.

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Washington Trust Bancorp, Inc. Announces Remote Access Option for Annual Meeting of Shareholders

WESTERLY, R.I., March 25, 2020 (PR NEWSWIRE)... [Washington Trust Bancorp, Inc.](#) (the “Corporation” or “Washington Trust”) (Nasdaq:WASH) today announced that, due to the emerging public health impact of the COVID-19 outbreak and out of concern for the health and well-being of our employees and shareholders, the Corporation will make its Annual Meeting of Shareholders (the “Annual Meeting”) on April 28, 2020, accessible to shareholders through live webcast. The Corporation continues to actively monitor the COVID-19 situation and reserves the right to reconsider the date, time, and/or means of convening the Annual Meeting, including holding the Annual Meeting solely by means of remote communications.

As described in the proxy materials for the Annual Meeting that were previously distributed, shareholders as of the close of business on March 2, 2020, the record date, will be eligible to participate in the Annual Meeting. Shareholders who would like to participate in the live webcast of the Annual Meeting should visit www.virtualshareholdermeeting.com/WASH2020 and enter the control number found on the proxy card, voting instruction form or Notice of Annual Meeting. To ensure access to the live webcast, shareholders must check in to the webcast by 10:45 a.m. (ET) on April 28, 2020. Shareholders who experience technical difficulties accessing the Annual Meeting during the check-in period or the meeting should call (800) 586-1548 (toll free) or (303) 562-9288 for assistance. The proxy card included with the proxy materials previously distributed will not be updated to reflect the addition of the live webcast option.

The Corporation encourages eligible shareholders to vote on the proposals prior to the Annual Meeting using the instructions provided in the proxy materials previously distributed. Shareholders attending the Annual Meeting via live webcast or in person will have the opportunity to vote their shares during the Annual Meeting.

ABOUT WASHINGTON TRUST BANCORP, INC.

Washington Trust Bancorp, Inc., the parent of The Washington Trust Company, had \$5.3 billion in assets as of December 31, 2019. Founded in 1800, [Washington Trust](#) is the oldest community bank in the nation, the largest state-chartered bank headquartered in Rhode Island and one of the Northeast’s premier financial services companies. Washington Trust offers a full range of financial services, including [commercial banking](#), [mortgage banking](#), [personal banking](#) and [wealth management and trust services](#) through its offices located in Rhode Island, Connecticut and Massachusetts. The Corporation’s common stock trades on NASDAQ under the symbol WASH. Investor information is available on the Corporation’s web site at ir.washtrust.com.

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