**FIRST HOME BANK SELECTED AS**

**ONE OF TAMPA BAY’S BEST PLACES TO WORK**

***Bank Takes Home Coveted Business Journal Award Based on Employee Satisfaction***

**ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. (March 2, 2022) –** St. Petersburg-based community bank, First Home Bank, has been selected as one of this year’s Best Places to Work in Tampa Bay. Presented by the Tampa Bay Business Journal, the award honors companies that go “beyond the norm to foster an enjoyable and meaningful work environment” and winners are selected based on the feedback provided by their employees.

Earlier this year, employees from nominated companies across Tampa Bay were asked to complete a confidential, online survey designed to evaluate their employers in the following areas:

* Team effectiveness
* Retention risk
* Alignment with goals
* Trust with co-workers
* Individual contribution
* Manager effectiveness
* Trust in senior leaders
* Feeling valued
* Work engagement
* People practices

Based on an analysis of responses, First Home Bank emerged as one of the top 60 Best Places to Work in Tampa Bay, and one of only 15 in the extra-large category, which includes companies with more than 100 employees. First Home currently employs more than 270 local employees who were invited to participate in the survey.

“We are proud to be recognized for our commitment to fostering a premier workplace and grateful for our employees whose feedback solidified our position among the best in Tampa,” said Nick Smith, SVP, director of human resources at First Home Bank. “We are also honored to be recognized alongside many other incredible companies in this highly competitive market and look forward to celebrating this achievement with our entire team.”

The Tampa Bay Business Journal will host its Best Places to Work event at Steinbrenner Field in Tampa on April 21.

**About First Home Bank**

Headquartered in St. Petersburg, First Home Bank operates seven banking centers in the Tampa Bay area and originates residential mortgages through 23 loan production offices nationwide. In addition to residential mortgages, First Home Bank offers a broad range of retail and business banking services, including small business loans through its SBA loan division, CreditBench, and is one of the top producing SBA lenders in the country. Since it opened in 1999, First Home Bank has grown exponentially without losing sight of its commitment to making an impact in the community and being Here for What’s Next® in the lives of its customers. For more information visit: www.firsthomebank.com.

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