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FLINT, Mich., Oct. 12 /PRNewswire-FirstCall/ -- Citizens Republic Bancorp has named Peter W. Ronan president and CEO of Citizens Bank Wealth Management for the corporation effective October 15, 2007. Ronan comes to Citizens Bank with nearly 40 years trust, fiduciary, sales and business management experience in addition to his first-hand knowledge of the Michigan markets.

"We are delighted to attract a leader of Peter's caliber to our Wealth group. His strong sales and fiduciary experience as well as his outstanding leadership skills make Peter uniquely qualified to continue Citizens' progress in providing solutions to our growing number of affluent clients," said William R. Hartman, president and chief executive officer for Citizens Republic Bancorp. "We're equally impressed by Peter's solid reputation among representatives throughout the industry."

About Ronan

Ronan recently retired from Comerica Bank in July 2007 as the senior vice president responsible for Personal Trust business nationally for Comerica Bank, including \$16 billion in personal trust assets. He joined Comerica Bank in 1994 as first vice president responsible for the Tax Department, and in 1995, he was given responsibility for managing Comerica's Southeast Michigan Personal Trust and Estate Administration. From 1976 to 1994, Ronan held various positions in the Personal Trust group for Michigan National Bank, including head of the statewide personal trust department. From 1968 to 1976, he was assistant vice president and personal trust administrator for Bank of the Commonwealth in Detroit, Michigan. Ronan began his career in 1966 with the Public Bank of Detroit.

Ronan earned his BBA from the University of Detroit and JD from University of Detroit School of Law. He is a graduate of the National Graduate Trust School and professional affiliations include the State Bar of Michigan and Financial & Estate Planning Council of Detroit, Inc.

Corporate Profile

Citizens Republic Bancorp is a diversified financial services company providing a wide range of commercial, consumer, mortgage banking, trust and financial planning services to a broad client base. Citizens Republic serves communities in Michigan, Wisconsin and Ohio as Citizens Bank and in Iowa as F&M Bank, with 241 offices and 267 ATMs. Citizens Republic Bancorp is the largest bank holding company headquartered in Michigan with roots dating back to 1871. Citizens Republic is the 41st largest bank holding company headquartered in the United States with \$13.3 billion in assets. More information about Citizens Republic Bancorp is available at www.citizensbanking.com.

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