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Gregory Black Joins Independence Bank's Community Board

Independence Bank announces that Gregory Black will begin serving on the Bank's Daviess County Community Board effective immediately. Mr. Black, is a native of Owensboro, KY where he currently serves as Executive Director of the H.L. Neblett Community Center. After retiring as a Navy Commander in 2001, Black taught Navy High School, NJROTC while publishing a news-magazine and Web site relating to diversity in the US Military. He later went on to work with youth development efforts and has won numerous awards and citations for his accomplishments. In addition to teaching at the high school level, Mr. Black has also taught public speaking at the college level.

President, Darrell Higginbotham said "Independence Bank is excited about the addition of Greg to our Daviess County Community Board. We are looking forward to the upcoming opportunities that we will see by having an individual like him serving on our community board. His leadership and dedication especially focused on the younger generation; coupled with Independence Bank's community involvement and commitment will be a great partnership."

Independence Bank currently has 18 Daviess County Community Board of Directors committed to making a difference. Independence Bank is a regional community bank serving eight counties in Western Kentucky including: Daviess, Hancock, Henderson, Hopkins, McCracken, McLean, Warren and Webster with assets over \$1.2 billion.