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**First Northern Community Bancorp Reports Fourth Quarter 2016**  
**Earnings Net Income of \$2.3 Million for Quarter**  
**Fourth Quarter Diluted Earnings per Share Up 25%**  
**4% Stock Dividend Declared**

**Dixon, Calif.**—First Northern Community Bancorp (the “Company,” ticker symbol FNRN: OTCQB), holding company for First Northern Bank (“First Northern” or the “Bank”), today announced earnings through the fourth quarter of 2016. Louise Walker, President and Chief Executive Officer, stated, “The Company reported net income of \$8.1 million for the twelve months ended December 31, 2016, up 17.4% compared to net income of \$6.9 million reported for the same period last year. Diluted earnings per share for the twelve months ended December 31, 2016 was \$0.73, up 17.7% compared to diluted earnings per share of \$0.62 for the same period last year.”

Net income for the quarter ended December 31, 2016 was \$2.3 million, up 27.8% compared to net income of \$1.8 million reported for the same period last year. Diluted earnings per share for the three months ended December 31, 2016 was \$0.20, up 25.0% compared to diluted earnings per share of \$0.16 for the same period last year.

Total assets at December 31, 2016 were \$1.17 billion, an increase of \$122.1 million, or 11.7%, compared to December 31, 2015. Total deposits of \$1.06 billion increased \$115.6 million, or 12.2%, compared to December 31, 2015. During the same period, total net loans (including loans held-for-sale) increased \$66.9 million, or 11.0%, to \$673.1 million. The Company continued to be “well capitalized” under regulatory definitions, exceeding the 10% total risk-based capital ratio threshold at December 31, 2016.

At its regular meeting on January 26, 2017, the Board of Directors of the Company declared a 4% stock dividend, payable March 31, 2017 to shareholders of record as of February 28, 2017. All income per share amounts have been adjusted to give retroactive effect to the stock dividend.

Further commenting on the Company's financial results, Walker stated, "I am pleased to report First Northern Community Bancorp has delivered another solid year in 2016. Our financial results were a culmination of strong organic growth across all business lines, our healthy asset quality, our discipline to control expenses, and our reputation in the business community, allowing us to attract new clients in an ever-competitive marketplace. That being said, we continue to invest in our franchise, namely our technology infrastructure and branch modernizations, both strategies we believe are essential for our future success."

First Northern Bank is an independent community bank that specializes in relationship banking. The Bank, headquartered in Solano County since 1910, serves Solano, Yolo, Sacramento, Placer, Contra Costa County and the west slope of El Dorado County. Experts are available in small-business, commercial, real estate and agribusiness lending, as well as mortgage loans. The Bank is an SBA Preferred Lender. Non-FDIC insured Investment and Brokerage Services are available at every branch location, including Auburn, Davis, Dixon, Fairfield, Roseville, Sacramento, West Sacramento, Vacaville, Winters, and Woodland. The Bank has a full-service Trust Department in Sacramento and a commercial lending office in Walnut Creek. Real estate mortgage and small-business loan officers are available by appointment in any of the Bank's branches. First Northern is rated as a Veribanc "Blue Ribbon" Bank for the earnings period of September 30, 2016 ([www.veribanc.com](http://www.veribanc.com)). The Bank can be found on the Web at [www.thatsmybank.com](http://www.thatsmybank.com), on [Facebook](#) and on [LinkedIn](#).

#### *Forward-Looking Statements*

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