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# Donna S. Wade named Sr. Vice President & Forsyth Market President of Foothills Community Bank

Further enhancing its commitment to provide best in class bankers to serve and strengthen local communities, Foothills Community Bank (FCB), a division of CoastalStates Bank, announced today that Donna S. Wade has been named Sr. Vice President and Market President for Foothills Community Bank located in Forsyth County.

"There is no doubt Donna will be a significant asset to the Forsyth banking team," says, Steven F. Smith, EVP and North Georgia President. "Strategically, this was a very important move for our bank. Given Donna's commercial banking experience and her strong community ties, partnering with Mrs. Wade just made sense. We are very excited about Donna joining the team."

Donna's banking career spans over thirty years, twenty-five of those years serving Forsyth County. Her previous banking roles include Senior Relationship Manager, Group President, Georgia President and Senior Credit Officer.

"It is exciting to remain a part of the Forsyth community, which continues to see tremendous growth," says Wade. "I look forward to being on a team where I can remain active in the community, continue my current banking relationships as well as bring in additional business to the bank. I look forward to FCB growing in the community to be a top performing bank."

Donna's previous community involvement includes Chairman and Board Member of The Cumming Forsyth County Chamber of Commerce, President, Campaign Chair and Board Member of United Way of Forsyth County, President and Treasurer of Rotary Club of Forsyth County, Board Member of Kids Voting Forsyth, and various positions with the Forsyth County Board of Education and Local School Councils. Donna currently serves as a Founding Board Member of the Forsyth County Education Foundation, Executive Board Member of Mentor Me North Georgia and Board Member of Rotary Club of Forsyth County. In addition, she will begin serving on the Board of The Cumming Forsyth County Chamber of Commerce in January 2019.

Donna is a graduate of Georgia Southern University with a degree in Business, with a focus on Accounting and Finance. She and her husband Jim reside in North Forsyth County and have two children, Morgan and Blake.

### About CoastalSouth Bancshares, Inc.

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