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KATAHDIN TRUST COMPANY PROMOTES NATIONAL PROTECT YOUR IDENTITY WEEK OCTOBER 17-22

HOULTON. 10/18/10 – In recognition of National Protect Your Identity week on Oct. 17-22, Katahdin Trust Company is urging customers to pay particular attention to identity theft prevention.

“Katahdin Trust Company works diligently to protect our customers from identity theft,” said Vicki Smith, Sr. Vice President, Marketing & Communications. “We use a combination of safeguards to protect customer information, such as employee training, strict privacy policies, and rigorous security standards. But we can’t do it alone. Customers can help us protect them by following a few simple precautions.”

Katahdin Trust Company encourages customers to follow some simple steps to avoid becoming a victim:

- **Shred or tear up statements and other personal information.** Criminals may be able to get access to your accounts and personal information by “dumpster diving” (retrieving canceled checks, deposit receipts or bank statements from dumpsters or trash bins).
- **Keep an eye out for any missing mail,** particularly account statements and bills that do not arrive when expected.
- **Review your monthly account statements regularly** for any unauthorized charges through the Internet, phone, ATM or debit card.
- **Order free copies of your credit report** once a year from each of the credit reporting agencies to ensure accuracy. Go to the Federal Trade Commission’s authorized web site www.annualcreditreport.com for your free credit report.
- **Choose to do business with companies you know are reputable,** particularly online. When conducting business online, use firewalls, anti-spyware and anti-virus software and do not respond to unsolicited requests for personal information.
- **Protect your PINs and passwords.** Use a combination of letters and numbers for your passwords and change them periodically.
- **Report any suspected fraud immediately** to your bank and the fraud units of the three credit reporting agencies.

A special website is available that offers consumer tips, steps for victims and a state-by-state list of Protect Your Identity Week events. There’s also an online ID quiz that can help determine how prone one may be to identity theft. Visit www.protectyouridnow.org.

Established in 1918, Katahdin Trust Company has nearly \$500 million in assets and provides banking services to individuals and businesses from fifteen full-service offices throughout northern and central Maine, online at katahdintrust.com, operates commercial loan offices in Bangor and Scarborough, and plans to open a full-service branch mid-2011 in Hampden.

Katahdin Trust Company is owned by a one-bank holding company, Katahdin Bankshares Corp. Stock is quoted on the Over-the-Counter Bulletin Board (OTCBB) under the symbol KTHN, with current stock information available at www.otcbb.com