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# C&N DECLARES DIVIDEND AND ANNOUNCES 2017 UNAUDITED FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

Wellsboro, PA – Citizens & Northern Corporation ("C&N") (NASDAQ: CZNC) announced its most recent dividend declaration and its unaudited, consolidated financial results for the three-month and annual periods ended December 31, 2017.

### **Dividend Declared**

C&N's Board of Directors has declared a regular quarterly cash dividend of \$0.27 per share, an increase from the previous quarterly dividend of \$0.26 per share. The dividend is payable on February 9, 2018 to shareholders of record as of January 29, 2018. Declaration of the dividend was made at the January 18, 2018 meeting of C&N's Board of Directors.

#### **Unaudited Financial Information**

Net income was \$0.16 per diluted share in the fourth quarter 2017, as compared to \$0.32 in the third quarter 2017 and \$0.35 in the fourth quarter 2016. On an annual basis, net income per diluted share was \$1.10 in 2017 and \$1.30 in 2016. C&N's fourth quarter and annual 2017 earnings were impacted by the recent reduction in the federal corporate income tax rate to 21%, effective January 1, 2018, from the 35% marginal tax rate in effect throughout 2017 and 2016. Fourth quarter and annual 2017 results include additional income tax expense related to a reduction in the carrying value of the net deferred tax asset, resulting in a reduction of \$0.18 in diluted earnings per share. Management expects C&N's income tax provision (expense) will be significantly lower in 2018 and on an ongoing basis as a result of the lower tax rate.

Deferred tax assets and liabilities are recognized based on temporary differences between the financial statement carrying amounts and the tax basis of assets and liabilities, and are valued using currently enacted tax rates. The reduction in the deferred tax asset in the fourth quarter 2017 reflects the reduced expected future net benefit from these differences, and was recognized upon the new tax bill being signed into law in December 2017.

The table below provides a reconciliation of C&N's fourth quarter and annual unaudited earnings results under U.S. generally accepted accounting principles (U.S. GAAP) to the comparative results excluding the additional tax charge referred to above. Management believes disclosure of 2017 earnings results, adjusted to exclude the additional income tax provision resulting from the change in the tax rate, provides useful information to investors for purposes of comparison with 2016 results.

# **RECONCILIATION OF NON-U.S. GAAP MEASURE** (Dollars in Thousands, Except Per Share Data)

		4th Quarter 20174th Quarter 2016DilutedDiluteEarnings perEarnings		
	Earnings	Share	Earnings	Share
Net Income	\$1,943	\$0.16	\$4,231	\$0.35
Additional Income Tax Provision Resulting				
from Change in Tax Rate	2,159		0	
Net Income, Excluding Effect of Change in Tax Rate	\$4,102	\$0.34	\$4,231	\$0.35
	Year Ended	Dec. 31, 2017 Diluted	Year Ended	l Dec. 31, 2016 Diluted
		Earnings per		Earnings per
	Earnings	Earnings per Share	Earnings	Earnings per Share
Net Income		• •	<b>Earnings</b> \$15,762	• •
Net Income Additional Income Tax Provision Resulting	Earnings	Share	•	Share
	Earnings	Share	•	Share
Additional Income Tax Provision Resulting	<b>Earnings</b> \$13,434	Share	\$15,762	Share

The effective tax rate (income tax provision as a percentage of income before tax) for the year ended December 31, 2017 was 34.75% as compared to 25.33% for 2016. The higher effective tax rate for 2017 resulted mainly from the additional tax provision related to the change in the tax rate. Management estimates the effective tax rate for 2018 to be approximately 15%, reflecting the benefit of a lower corporate rate.

Additional highlights related to C&N's fourth quarter and annual 2017 earnings results as compared to the third quarter 2017 and comparative periods of 2016 are presented below.

# Fourth Quarter 2017 as Compared to Third Quarter 2017

Net income totaled \$1,943,000 in the fourth quarter 2017, which was \$1,993,000 lower than third quarter net income of \$3,936,000. As noted above, fourth quarter 2017 results included a tax charge of \$2,159,000 resulting from the recently enacted change in the marginal corporate tax rate. Other significant variances were as follows:

- Net interest income increased \$145,000 (1.4%) in the fourth quarter 2017 as compared to the third quarter. The net interest margin was 3.85% for the fourth quarter 2017, up 2 basis points from the third quarter result, reflecting an increase of approximately \$9.3 million in earning assets and an increase in the yield on earning assets of 0.02%.
- The provision for loan losses was \$23,000 in the fourth quarter 2017, down from \$322,000 in the third quarter. The fourth quarter provision included \$179,000 related to the change in total specific allowances on impaired loans, as adjusted for net charge-offs during the period, partially offset by a reduction of \$155,000 in the collectively determined allowance for loan losses and a reduction of \$1,000 in the unallocated allowance. The reduction in the collectively determined allowance resulted mainly from a 3 basis point reduction in the qualitative factors used to estimate the allowance as of the end of the quarter. The reductions in the qualitative factors were determined by a management committee that noted an improvement in economic conditions throughout most of C&N's market area as evidenced by a reduction in the unemployment rate in most of the Pennsylvania and New York State counties C&N serves. In comparison, the third quarter provision included \$141,000 related to the change in total specific

allowances on impaired loans, as adjusted for net charge-offs during the period, and an increase of \$181,000 in the collectively determined allowance for loan losses. The increase in the collectively determined allowance in the third quarter reflected the effects of an increase in outstanding loans, as there were minimal changes in the net charge-off experience and qualitative factors used to estimate that portion of the allowance.

- Noninterest revenue of \$4,117,000 in the fourth quarter 2017 was up \$51,000 (1.3%) from the third quarter amount. Trust and financial management revenue of \$1,430,000 in the fourth quarter was \$138,000 higher than the third quarter amount, and brokerage revenue of \$246,000 was \$59,000 higher than in the third quarter. Net gains from sales of loans totaled \$167,000 in the fourth quarter, down \$130,000 from the third quarter, reflecting lower volume of sales.
- Total noninterest expenses increased \$209,000 (2.3%) over the third quarter amount. Pensions and other employee benefits expense was \$268,000 higher in the fourth quarter 2017 due to an increase in health insurance claims associated with C&N's partially self-insured plan. Professional fees expense increased \$67,000 in the fourth quarter as compared to the third quarter, including expenses related to information technology-related projects. Other operating expense was \$114,000 lower in the fourth quarter 2017 as compared to the third quarter, including a \$78,000 reduction in attorney fees and expenses.

# Fourth Quarter 2017 as Compared to Fourth Quarter 2016

Net income of \$1,943,000 in the fourth quarter 2017 was \$2,288,000 lower than fourth quarter 2016 net income of \$4,231,000, reflecting the \$2,159,000 tax charge in 2017 as described above. Other significant variances were as follows:

- Net interest income increased \$600,000 (5.9%) in the fourth quarter 2017 over the fourth quarter 2016 amount. The net interest margin of 3.85% for the fourth quarter 2017 was 0.12% higher than the fourth quarter 2016 level of 3.73%. The improvement in the margin included the impact of increases in average yields on loans and available-for-sale securities as well as a favorable change in the mix of earning assets, including growth in loans and a reduction in securities. Average total loans outstanding were higher by \$57.5 million (7.7%) in the fourth quarter 2017 as compared to the fourth quarter 2016, while average total available-for-sale securities were lower by \$33.4 million. Average total deposits were \$20.7 million (2.1%) higher in the fourth quarter 2017 as compared to the fourth quarter 2016.
- The provision for loan losses was low, based on banking industry norms, in both the fourth quarter 2017 and fourth quarter 2016. As noted above, the fourth quarter 2017 provision of \$23,000 included \$179,000 related to the change in total specific allowances on impaired loans, as adjusted for net charge-offs during the period, partially offset by decreases in the collectively determined and unallocated portions of allowance for loan losses. In the fourth quarter 2016, the net credit (reduction in expense) of \$3,000 included the benefit from a \$66,000 decrease in total specific allowances on impaired loans, as adjusted for net charge-offs during the period, and a \$3,000 increase in the collectively determined portion of the allowance.
- Noninterest revenue increased \$86,000 (2.1%) in the fourth quarter 2017 over the fourth quarter 2016 amount. Trust and financial management revenue increased \$237,000 (19.9%), reflecting growth in assets under management resulting from market appreciation and new business, as well as a recent increase in fee levels. Net gains from sales of loans decreased \$163,000 (49.4%) in the fourth quarter 2017 as compared to the fourth quarter 2016, reflecting lower sales volume.
- Total noninterest expenses increased \$843,000 (9.9%) in the fourth quarter 2017 over the fourth quarter 2016 amount. Salaries and wages expense increased \$271,000, or 7.3%, including an increase in restricted stock compensation of \$48,000 as a result of a reduction in expense related to a revised estimate in the fourth quarter 2016, along with the effects of an increase in the number of employees in 2017. The average number of full-time equivalent employees (FTEs) increased to 294 in the fourth quarter 2017 from 288 in the fourth quarter 2016. Pensions and other employee benefits expense increased \$266,000,

including an increase of \$256,000 in health care expenses due to higher claims on C&N's partially selfinsured plan. Other operating expense increased \$126,000, including an increase in accounting and auditing expense of \$54,000 resulting from an increase in outsourced internal audit activity and an increase of \$34,000 in telecommunications expenses. Software subscriptions increased \$68,000, including costs associated with new applications as well as annual licensing increases.

### Years Ended December 31, 2017 and 2016

For the year ended December 31, 2017, net income totaled \$13,434,000, or \$2,328,000 less than total net income for 2016. As described above, 2017 earnings were reduced \$2,159,000 for a tax charge in 2017 attributable to the recent reduction in the marginal corporate income tax rate. Other significant variances were as follows:

- Net interest income was \$1,543,000 (3.8%) higher in 2017 as compared to 2016. The net interest margin was 3.82% for 2017, up from 3.76% for 2016. Average total loans outstanding were up \$57.6 million (8.0%) in 2017 as compared to 2016, while average total available-for-sale securities were lower by \$33.2 million. Average total deposits were \$20.5 million (2.1%) higher in 2017 as compared to 2016.
- The provision for loan losses was \$801,000 in 2017, which was \$420,000 lower than the amount in 2016. In 2017, the provision included \$1,023,000 related to the change in total specific allowances on impaired loans, as adjusted for net charge-offs during the period and a \$101,000 increase in the unallocated portion of the allowance, with a reduction in the provision of \$323,000 related to the reduction in the collectively determined allowance for loan losses. The reduction in the collectively determined allowance included the effects of an improvement in C&N's aggregate net charge-off experience and a reduction in the qualitative factors used to estimate the allowance as of December 31, 2017. The net increase in specific allowances in 2017 included an increase in the allowance related to one real estate secured commercial loan of \$391,000 to \$919,000 at December 31, 2017 as compared to \$528,000 at December 31, 2016. The increase in the specific allowance for this loan was based on an updated appraisal. In comparison, the provision of \$1,221,000 for 2016 included \$491,000 related to the change in total specific allowances on impaired loans, as adjusted for net charge-offs during the period, a \$29,000 decrease in the unallocated portion of the allowance and an increase in the provision of \$759,000 related to an increase in the collectively determined allowance for loan losses. The increase in the collectively determined portion of the allowance at December 31, 2016 as compared to the end of the preceding year resulted from loan growth and slight increases in the net charge-off and qualitative factors used to estimate the allowance.
- Noninterest revenue increased \$642,000 (4.1%) in 2017 as compared to 2016. Trust and financial management revenue increased \$639,000 (13.4%), reflecting growth in assets under management resulting from market appreciation and new business, as well as a recent increase in fee levels and an estimated \$215,000 of additional revenue from changing the frequency of billings to monthly for certain services. Interchange revenue from debit card transactions increased \$278,000 (14.3%), reflecting improvements in card-related volumes and processing. Loan servicing fees, net, increased \$141,000, as the fair value of mortgage servicing rights decreased by \$168,000 in 2017 as compared to a reduction of \$282,000 in 2016. Net gains from sales of loans decreased \$211,000 (20.5%) due to a lower volume of sales. Service charges on deposit accounts decreased \$207,000 (4.4%), as revenue from consumer overdrafts declined due to lower volume.
- Net gains on available-for-sale securities totaled \$257,000 in 2017, a reduction of \$901,000 from \$1,158,000 in 2016. In 2016, gains from sales of bank stocks totaled \$1,125,000, as C&N completed its program of bank stock sales that had begun in 2015. C&N had no remaining investments in bank stocks throughout 2017.
- Total noninterest expenses increased \$2,223,000 (6.4%) in 2017 as compared to 2016. Other operating expense increased \$808,000. Within other operating expense, the largest variances included increases of \$208,000 in loan collection expenses, \$149,000 in accounting and auditing expense stemming from increased internal audit outsourcing and \$130,000 in attorney fees (mainly related to a commercial loan workout situation). Employee benefits expense increased \$657,000, including an increase of \$594,000

from higher health care expenses on C&N's partially self-insured plan. Salaries and wages expense increased \$395,000 (2.6%), reflecting the net effects of annual merit-based salary increases, an increase to an average of 292 FTEs in 2017 from 287 in 2016 and a net decrease in officers' incentive compensation from corporate plans of \$166,000.

# **Other Information:**

Changes in other unaudited financial information are as follows:

- Total assets amounted to \$1,276,959,000 at December 31, 2017, as compared to \$1,259,921,000 at September 30, 2017 and \$1,242,292,000 at December 31, 2016.
- Net loans outstanding (excluding mortgage loans held for sale) were \$806,857,000 at December 31, 2017, up from \$792,112,000 at September 30, 2017 and up 8.5% from \$743,362,000 at December 31, 2016. In comparing outstanding balances at December 31, 2017 and 2016, total residential mortgage loans increased \$26.5 million, or 6.3%, and total commercial loans increased \$36.1 million, or 11.4%. At December 31, 2017, the outstanding balance of commercial loan participations with other financial entities was \$61.2 million, up from \$47.5 million at December 31, 2016.
- The outstanding balance of residential mortgages originated by C&N and sold to third parties, with servicing retained, totaled \$169,725,000 at December 31, 2017, up from \$169,581,000 at September 30, 2017 and \$163,296,000 at December 31, 2016.
- Total nonperforming assets as a percentage of total assets was 1.47% at December 31, 2017 as compared to 1.35% at September 30, 2017 and 1.43% at December 31, 2016.
- Deposits and repo sweep accounts totaled \$1,012,215,000 at December 31, 2017 as compared to \$1,026,364,000 at September 30, 2017, and up 2.4% from \$989,018,000 at December 31, 2016.
- Total shareholders' equity was \$188,443,000 at December 31, 2017 as compared to \$191,013,000 at September 30, 2017 and \$186,008,000 at December 31, 2016. Tangible common equity as a percentage of tangible assets was 13.95% at December 31, 2017 as compared to 14.15% a year earlier. Within shareholders' equity, the portion of accumulated other comprehensive (loss) income related to available-for-sale securities was a (loss) income of (\$1,566,000) at December 31, 2017 as compared to \$227,000 at September 30, 2017 and (\$949,000) at December 31, 2016. Fluctuations in accumulated other comprehensive (loss) income have been caused by increases in interest rates and the effect of the lower corporate income tax rate on municipal bonds, which have resulted in an overall net reduction in the fair value of available-for-sale securities.
- Assets under management by C&N's Trust and Financial Management Group amounted to \$916,580,000 at December 31, 2017, down from \$924,907,000 at September 30, 2017 and up 4.2% from \$879,844,000 a year earlier.

Citizens & Northern Corporation is the parent company of Citizens & Northern Bank, a local, independent community bank providing complete financial, investment and insurance services through 26 full service offices throughout Tioga, Bradford, Sullivan, Lycoming, Potter, Cameron and McKean counties in Pennsylvania and in Canisteo and South Hornell, New York. C&N's most recently opened location, in Elmira, New York, offers commercial, residential and consumer lending services. C&N can be found on the worldwide web at www.cnbankpa.com. The Company's stock is listed on NASDAQ Capital Market Securities under the symbol CZNC.

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# **CITIZENS & NORTHERN CORPORATION**

December 31, 2017

# **QUARTERLY REPORT**

Dear Shareholder:

At the conclusion of our 2016 Annual Highlights report to shareholders, we observed the potential for improvement to the business and banking environment due to policy initiatives set forth by the new Trump administration. While 2017 has been an interesting year in many ways, both central bankers and politicians are impacting our industry and C&N with their actions during the fourth quarter. On December 13, the Federal Reserve raised its target federal funds rate by .25% for the third time during the year, and the fifth time since December of 2015. Once again, longer-term rates did not react in kind and the yield curve flattened extending an environment that makes margin expansion a challenge. Later in December, President Trump signed tax reform legislation that will have broad implications for businesses and individuals. The changes did impact C&N's fourth quarter results as discussed further below. The new law also reduces C&N's marginal tax rate from 35% to 21% which will be beneficial to ongoing earnings beginning in 2018. Congress is currently considering legislation that would deliver meaningful regulatory relief to the banking industry that would directly benefit C&N. While the ultimate impact of these actions on economic activity and banking is unknown, there is a general tone of optimism that, collectively, they will support growth and opportunity.

As you review C&N's 2017 performance you will note that revenue growth accelerated as both net interest income and noninterest income increased at a faster pace than in 2016. These results highlight continued loan growth, an improving balance sheet mix, a substantial increase in trust related income, and the impact of expanding customer relationships as investments in our business model continue to mature. The increase in noninterest expense reflects our ongoing investment in people and technology to position C&N for future growth and productivity as well as unusually large increases in collection related expenses and health care claims. 2017 results were also impacted by a \$901,000 reduction, or \$.05 per share after tax, in securities gains as compared to 2016.

Fourth quarter 2017 net income was \$0.16 per share, as compared to \$0.32 in the third quarter 2017 and \$0.35 in the fourth quarter 2016. On an annual basis, net income per share was \$1.10 in 2017 as compared to \$1.30 in 2016. Return on average assets for the year was 1.08%, and return on average equity was 7.11%. As mentioned above, C&N's fourth quarter and annual 2017 earnings were impacted by the recent reduction in the federal corporate income tax rate to 21%, effective January 1, 2018, from the 35% marginal tax rate in effect throughout 2017 and 2016. Fourth quarter and annual 2017 results include additional income tax expense related to a reduction in the carrying value of the net deferred tax asset, resulting in a reduction of \$.18 in earnings per share. Going forward, management expects C&N's income tax rate. Excluding the impact of the additional income tax expense, fourth quarter 2017 net income per share was \$.34, and net income per share for the year was \$1.28.

Net interest income increased \$145,000 (1.4%) in the fourth quarter of 2017 compared to the third quarter, and by \$600,000 (5.9%) compared to the fourth quarter of 2016. For the year ended December 31, 2017, net interest income was \$1,543,000 (3.8%) higher than in 2016. Growth in average loans outstanding of approximately \$15 million during the quarter and \$58 million compared to 2016 is the primary driver of these increases. Although average total deposits declined slightly during the fourth quarter of 2017, we experienced

solid year over year deposit growth, strong growth in demand deposits, and reductions in higher cost borrowings continuing the improvement in our funding mix. The yield on earning assets was 4.18% during the fourth quarter of 2017 compared to 4.05% in the fourth quarter of 2016 while the overall cost of funds increased by .03% during the same period. As a result, the net interest margin increased .12%, to 3.85% during the fourth quarter of 2017 from 3.73% a year earlier.

The provision for loan losses was \$23,000 during the fourth quarter of 2017 compared to a net credit (reduction in expense) of \$3,000 in 2016. For the year ended December 31, 2017, the provision was \$801,000 compared to \$1.221 million for the same period in 2016. The provision amounts for the current quarter and for the year, reflect reductions in reserves related to net charge-off experience and qualitative factors used in calculating the allowance for loan losses. Management maintains a robust process to determine the adequacy of the allowance that incorporates these and other factors. C&N's overall credit quality remains strong and consistent as reflected in our past due and non-performing loan metrics at December 31, 2017 compared to a year earlier.

Noninterest revenue increased by \$86,000 (2.1%) in the fourth quarter of 2017 compared to 2016. The most notable increases were Trust revenues, which increased 20%, reflecting growth in assets under management as well as a recent fee increase, while gains from the sale of mortgage loans decreased by \$163,000, or 49%. For the year ended December 31, 2017, noninterest revenue increased \$642,000 (4.1%) as compared to 2016. Trust and financial management revenues, interchange fees on debit card transactions, and loan servicing fees increased, while gains on sale of loans decreased due to lower volumes and service charges on deposit account declined, continuing a multi-year trend.

Noninterest expenses increased \$843,000 (9.9%) in the fourth quarter of 2017 compared to 2016 driven by employee related expenses. Salaries and wages were \$271,000 higher due to staffing levels compared to a year earlier, while pensions and other employee benefits costs increased \$266,000 resulting primarily from higher health care claims. For the year, noninterest expenses increased \$2.2 million (6.4%). Employee related costs were again the primary drivers with increased employee benefits expenses of \$657,000 and salaries and wages higher by \$395,000. In addition, ATM and interchange expenses, software subscriptions, collection, other real estate, legal, and internal audit outsourcing expenses contributed to the increase.

C&N continues to maintain a very strong capital position, providing the Company with the ability to pursue growth and expansion, absorb one time charges such as the charge required due to the change in tax law, while continuing to support shareholder value. The dividend paid during the fourth quarter remained at \$.26 per share producing an annualized yield of 4.33% based on the December 31, 2017 market price of \$24.00. On January 18, 2018, the Board of Directors declared a dividend of \$.27 per share payable on February 9, 2018 to shareholders of record as of January 29, 2018. This is an increase of 3.8% and reflects the Board's confidence in the ongoing financial strength of the Corporation. In April 2016, the Board announced a common stock repurchase program for the acquisition of up to 600,000 shares. There have been no repurchases of stock under this program to date.

We appreciate your investment and ongoing support of C&N

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# CONDENSED, CONSOLIDATED EARNINGS INFORMATION

(Dollars In Thousands, Except Per Share Data) (Unaudited)

	QU	4TH ARTER	4TH QUARTER		
	-	2017 urrent <u>)</u>	2016 <u>(Prior Year)</u>	\$ Incr. (Decr.)	% Incr. (Decr.)
Interest and Dividend Income	\$	11,785	<u>\$11,106</u>	\$679	6.11%
Interest Expense		999	920	79	8.59%
Net Interest Income		10,786	10,186	600	5.89%
Provision (Credit) for Loan Losses		23	(3)	26	-866.67%
Net Interest Income After Provision (Credit) for Loan Losses		10,763	10,189	574	5.63%
Noninterest Revenue		4,117	4,031	86	2.13%
Net Gains on Available-for-sale Securities		0	69	(69)	-100.00%
Noninterest Expenses		9,401	8,558	843	9.85%
Income Before Income Tax Provision		5,479	5,731	(252)	-4.40%
Income Tax Provision		3,536	1,500	2,036	135.73%
Net Income		\$1,943	\$4,231	(\$2,288)	-54.08%
Net Income Attributable to Common Shares (1)		\$1,933	\$4,209	(\$2,276)	-54.07%
PER COMMON SHARE DATA:					
Net Income - Basic		\$0.16	\$0.35	(\$0.19)	-54.29%
Net Income - Diluted		\$0.16	\$0.35	(\$0.19)	-54.29%

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\$0.16	\$0.35	(\$0.19)	-54.29%
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### CONDENSED, CONSOLIDATED EARNINGS INFORMATION

(Dollars In Thousands, Except Per Share Data) (Unaudited)

	YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31,					
	20	)17	20	16		
	<u>(Cur</u>	<u>rent)</u>	<u>(Prio</u>	<u>Year)</u>	<u>\$ Incr. (Decr.</u>	<u>) % Incr. (Decr.)</u>
Interest and Dividend Income	\$	45,863	\$	44,098	\$1,76	5 4.00%
Interest Expense		3,915		3,693	222	<u>e 6.01%</u>
Net Interest Income		41,948		40,405	1,543	3 3.82%
Provision for Loan Losses		801		1,221	(420	) -34.40%
Net Interest Income After Provision for Loan Losses		41,147		39,184	1,963	3 5.01%
Noninterest Revenue		16,153		15,511	642	2 4.14%
Net Gains on Available-for-sale Securities		257		1,158	(901	) -77.81%
Noninterest Expenses		36,967		34,744	2,223	6.40%
Income Before Income Tax Provision		20,590		21,109	(519	) -2.46%
Income Tax Provision		7,156		5,347	1,809	33.83%
Net Income		\$13,434		\$15,762	(\$2,328	) -14.77%
Net Income Attributable to Common Shares (1)		\$13,365		\$15,677	(\$2,312	) -14.75%
PER COMMON SHARE DATA:						
Net Income - Basic		\$1.10		\$1.30	(\$0.20	) -15.38%
Net Income - Diluted		\$1.10		\$1.30	(\$0.20	,
Dividend Per Share		\$1.04		\$1.04	\$0.00	,
Number of Shares Used in Computation - Basic	12,	115,840	12,	032,820		
Number of Shares Used in Computation - Diluted		155,136		063,055		

(1) Basic and diluted net income per common share are determined based on net income less earnings allocated to nonvested restricted shares with nonforfeitable dividends.

# CONDENSED, CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET DATA

(In Thousands) (Unaudited)

	DECEMBER 31,	DECEMBER 31,	DECEMBER 3	1, 2017 vs 2016	
	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u> \$ Incr. (Decr.)</u>	<u>% Incr. (Decr.)</u>	
ASSETS					
Cash & Due from Banks	\$40,244	\$32,109	\$8,135	25.34%	
Available-for-sale Securities	356,908	395,077	(38,169)	-9.66%	
Loans Held for Sale	765	142	623	438.73%	
Loans, Net	806,857	743,362	63,495	8.54%	
Intangible Assets	11,954	11,959	(5)	-0.04%	
Other Assets	60,231	59,643	588	0.99%	
TOTAL ASSETS	\$1,276,959	\$1,242,292	\$34,667	2.79%	
LIABILITIES					
Deposits	\$1,008,449	\$983,843	\$24,606	2.50%	
Repo Sweep Accounts	3,766	5,175	(1,409)	-27.23%	
Total Deposits and Repo Sweeps	1,012,215	989,018	23,197	2.35%	
Borrowed Funds	67,189	59,454	7,735	13.01%	
Other Liabilities	9,112	7,812	1,300	16.64%	
TOTAL LIABILITIES	1,088,516	1,056,284	32,232	3.05%	
SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY					
Common Shareholders' Equity, Excluding Accumulated					
Other Comprehensive Income	189,950	186,906	3,044	1.63%	
Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income:					
Net Unrealized Gains/Losses on					
Available-for-sale Securities	(1,566)	(949)	(617)	65.02%	
Defined Benefit Plans	59	51	8	15.69%	
TOTAL SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY	188,443	186,008	2,435	1.31%	
TOTAL LIABILITIES & SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY	\$1,276,959	\$1,242,292	\$34,667	2.79%	

# **CITIZENS & NORTHERN CORPORATION**

# CONDENSED, CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

(Dollars In Thousands, Except Per Share Data) (Unaudited)

	YEARS	AS OF OR FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31,		
	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>	(DECREASE)	
EARNINGS PERFORMANCE				
Net Income	\$13,434	\$15,762	-14.77%	
Return on Average Assets	1.08%	1.28%	-15.63%	
Return on Average Equity	7.11%	8.37%	-15.05%	
BALANCE SHEET HIGHLIGHTS				
Total Assets	\$1,276,959	\$1,242,292	2.79%	
Available-for-Sale Securities	356,908	395,077	-9.66%	
Loans (Net)	806,857	743,362	8.54%	
Allowance for Loan Losses	8,856	8,473	4.52%	
Deposits and Repo Sweep Accounts	1,012,215	989,018	2.35%	
OFF-BALANCE SHEET	.,,	,		
Outstanding Balance of Mortgage Loans Sold				
with Servicing Retained	169,725	163,296	3.94%	
Trust Assets Under Management	916,580	879,844	4.18%	
SHAREHOLDERS' VALUE	010,000	010,044	1.1070	
(PER COMMON SHARE)				
Net Income - Basic	\$1.10	\$1.30	-15.38%	
Net Income - Diluted	\$1.10	\$1.30	-15.38%	
Dividends	\$1.04	\$1.04	0.00%	
Common Book Value	\$15.43	\$15.36	0.46%	
Tangible Common Book Value	\$13.43	\$13.30	0.40%	
Market Value (Last Trade)	\$24.00	\$26.20	-8.40%	
Market Value / Common Book Value	155.54%	170.57%	-8.81%	
Market Value / Tangible Common Book Value	166.09%	182.32%	-8.90%	
Price Earnings Multiple (Annualized)	21.82	20.15	8.29%	
Dividend Yield (Annualized)	4.33%	3.97%	9.07%	
Common Shares Outstanding, End of Period	12,214,525	12,113,228	0.84%	
SAFETY AND SOUNDNESS	40.05%		4 4 4 0 /	
Tangible Common Equity / Tangible Assets	13.95%	14.15%	-1.41%	
Nonperforming Assets / Total Assets	1.47%	1.43%	2.80%	
Allowance for Loan Losses / Total Loans	1.09%	1.13%	-3.54%	
Total Risk Based Capital Ratio (a)	23.16%	23.60%	-1.86%	
Tier 1 Risk Based Capital Ratio (a)	22.03%	22.48%	-2.00%	
Common Equity Tier 1 Risk Based Capital Ratio (a		22.48%	-2.00%	
Leverage Ratio (a)	14.25%	14.27%	-0.14%	
(a) Capital ratios for the most recent period are es	timated.			
AVERAGE BALANCES				
Average Assets	\$1,247,759	\$1,229,866	1.45%	
Average Equity	\$188,958	\$188,373	0.31%	
EFFICIENCY RATIO				
Net Interest Income on a Fully Taxable-Equivalent				
Basis	\$44,708	\$43,157	3.59%	
Noninterest Revenue	16,153	15,511	4.14%	
Total (1)	\$60,861	\$58,668	3.74%	
Noninterest Expenses (2)	\$36,967	\$34,744	6.40%	
Efficiency ratio = $(2)/(1)$	60.74%	59.22%	2.56%	

# QUARTERLY CONDENSED, CONSOLIDATED INCOME STATEMENT INFORMATION

(In Thousands, Except Per Share Data) (Unaudited) For the Three Months Ended:

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	Dec. 31, 2017	Sept. 30, 2017	June 30, 2017	Mar. 31, 2017	Dec. 31, 2016	Sept. 30, 2016	June 30, 2016	Mar. 31, 2016
Interest income	\$11,785	\$11,626	\$11,340	\$11,112	\$11,106	\$11,131	\$10,924	\$10,937
Interest expense	999	985	978	953	920	944	925	904
Net interest income	10,786	10,641	10,362	10,159	10,186	10,187	9,999	10,033
Provision (credit) for loan losses	23	322	4	452	(3)	538	318	368
Net interest income after provision (credit)								
for loan losses	10,763	10,319	10,358	9,707	10,189	9,649	9,681	9,665
Noninterest revenue	4,117	4,066	4,106	3,864	4,031	3,884	3,906	3,690
Net gains on available-for-sale securities	0	5	107	145	69	584	122	383
Noninterest expenses	9,401	9,192	9,076	9,298	8,558	8,579	8,535	9,072
Income before income tax provision	5,479	5,198	5,495	4,418	5,731	5,538	5,174	4,666
Income tax provision	3,536	1,262	1,374	984	1,500	1,451	1,303	1,093
Net income	\$1,943	\$3,936	\$4,121	\$3,434	\$4,231	\$4,087	\$3,871	\$3,573
Net income attributable to common shares	\$1,933	\$3,916	\$4,100	\$3,416	\$4,209	\$4,065	\$3,850	\$3,553
Basic earnings per common share	\$0.16	\$0.32	\$0.34	\$0.28	\$0.35	\$0.34	\$0.32	\$0.29
Diluted earnings per common share	\$0.16	\$0.32	\$0.34	\$0.28	\$0.35	\$0.34	\$0.32	\$0.29

# QUARTERLY CONDENSED, CONSOLIDATED

# BALANCE SHEET INFORMATION

(In Thousands) (Unaudited)	As of:				
	Dec. 31, 2017	Sept. 30, 2017	June 30, 2017	March 31, 2017	Dec. 31, 2016
ASSETS					
Cash & Due from Banks	\$40,244	\$32,850	\$34,643	\$32,543	\$32,109
Available-for-Sale Securities	356,908	365,086	364,753	376,919	395,077
Loans Held for Sale	765	437	1,708	163	142
Loans, Net	806,857	792,112	771,057	753,277	743,362
Intangible Assets	11,954	11,956	11,957	11,958	11,959
Other Assets	60,231	57,480	59,283	59,064	59,643
TOTAL ASSETS	\$1,276,959	\$1,259,921	\$1,243,401	\$1,233,924	\$1,242,292
LIABILITIES					
Deposits	\$1,008,449	\$1,021,625	\$997,262	\$980,251	\$983,843
Repo Sweep Accounts	3,766	4,739	4,875	6,244	5,175
Total Deposits and Repo Sweeps	1,012,215	1,026,364	1,002,137	986,495	989,018
Borrowed Funds	67,189	34,256	42,321	52,888	59,454
Other Liabilities	9,112	8,288	9,084	7,191	7,812
TOTAL LIABILITIES	1,088,516	1,068,908	1,053,542	1,046,574	1,056,284
SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY					
Common Shareholders' Equity, Excluding					
Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income/ Loss	189,950	190,639	189,339	187,825	186,906
Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income/ Loss:					
Net Unrealized Gains/Losses on					
Available-for-sale Securities	(1,566)	227	369	(630)	(949)
Defined Benefit Plans Adjustment, Net	59	147	151	155	51
TOTAL SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY	188,443	191,013	189,859	187,350	186,008
TOTAL LIABILITIES & SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY	\$1,276,959	\$1,259,921	\$1,243,401	\$1,233,924	\$1,242,292

AVAILABLE-FOR-SALE SECURITIES	December	December 31, 2017 September 30, 2017		December	31, 2016	
(In Thousands)	Amortized	Fair	Amortized	Fair	Amortized	Fair
	Cost	Value	Cost	Value	Cost	Value
Obligations of U.S. Government agencies	\$8,026	\$7,873	\$8,028	\$7,946	\$9,671	\$9,541
Obligations of states and political subdivisions:						
Tax-exempt	103,673	105,111	108,521	110,557	118,140	119,037
Taxable	25,431	25,573	27,538	27,816	30,073	30,297
Mortgage-backed securities issued or guaranteed						
by U.S. Government agencies or sponsored						
agencies:						
Residential pass-through securities	52,992	52,347	55,247	54,917	58,922	58,404
Residential collateralized mortgage obligations	134,314	131,814	130,375	129,243	147,915	146,608
Commercial mortgage-backed securities	33,881	33,219	34,028	33,629	30,817	30,219
Total debt securities	358,317	355,937	363,737	364,108	395,538	394,106
Marketable equity securities	1,000	971	1,000	978	1,000	971
Total	\$359,317	\$356,908	\$364,737	\$365,086	\$396,538	\$395,077

#### Summary of Loans by Type (Excludes Loans Held for Sale)

Loans held for sale, net

(Excludes Loans Held for Sale)			
(In Thousands)	Dec. 31, 2017	Sept. 30, 2017	Dec. 31, 2016
Residential mortgage:			
Residential mortgage loans - first liens	\$359,987	\$355,285	\$334,102
Residential mortgage loans - junior liens	25,325	24,694	23,706
Home equity lines of credit	35,758	36,534	38,057
1-4 Family residential construction	26,216	25,286	24,908
Total residential mortgage	447,286	441,799	420,773
Commercial:			
Commercial loans secured by real estate	159,266	158,520	150,468
Commercial and industrial	88,276	83,243	83,854
Political subdivisions	59,287	54,730	38,068
Commercial construction and land	14,527	13,937	14,287
Loans secured by farmland	7,255	7,744	7,294
Multi-family (5 or more) residential	7,713	7,566	7,896
Agricultural loans	6,178	6,137	3,998
Other commercial loans	10,986	12,383	11,475
Total commercial	353,488	344,260	317,340
Consumer	14,939	14,953	13,722
Total	815,713	801,012	751,835
Less: allowance for loan losses	(8,856)	(8,900)	(8,473)
Loans, net	\$806,857	\$792,112	\$743,362
Loans Held for Sale		_	
(In Thousands)	Dec. 31, 2017	Sept. 30, 2017	Dec. 31, 2016
Residential mortgage loans originated			
and serviced - outstanding balance	\$170,490	\$170,018	\$163,438
Less: outstanding balance of loans sold	(169,725)	(169,581)	(163,296)

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# ANALYSIS OF THE ALLOWANCE FOR LOAN LOSSES

(In Thousands)

	3 Months Ended	3 Months Ended	Year Ended	Year Ended
	Dec. 31,	Sept. 30,	Dec. 31,	Dec. 31,
	2017	2017	2017	2016
Balance, beginning of period	\$8,900	\$8,635	\$8,473	\$7,889
Charge-offs	(77)	(67)	(479)	(757)
Recoveries	10	10	61	120
Net charge-offs	(67)	(57)	(418)	(637)
Provision for loan losses	23	322	801	1,221
Balance, end of period	\$8,856	\$8,900	\$8,856	\$8,473

### PAST DUE AND IMPAIRED LOANS, NONPERFORMING ASSETS AND TROUBLED DEBT RESTRUCTURINGS (TDRs) (Dollars In Thousands)

	Dec 31,	Sept. 30,	Dec 31,
	2017	2017	2016
Impaired loans with a valuation allowance	\$4,100	\$3,581	\$3,372
Impaired loans without a valuation allowance	5,411	5,388	7,488
Total impaired loans	\$9,511	\$8,969	\$10,860
Total loans past due 30-89 days and still accruing	\$9,449	\$5,978	\$7,735
Nonperforming assets:			
Total nonaccrual loans	\$13,404	\$12,400	\$8,736
Total loans past due 90 days or more and still accruing	3,724	2,979	6,838
Total nonperforming loans	17,128	15,379	15,574
Foreclosed assets held for sale (real estate)	1,598	1,650	2,180
Total nonperforming assets	\$18,726	\$17,029	\$17,754
Loans subject to troubled debt restructurings (TDRs):			
Performing	\$636	\$658	\$5,803
Nonperforming	3,027	3,075	2,874
Total TDRs	\$3,663	\$3,733	\$8,677
Total nonperforming loans as a % of loans	2.10%	1.92%	2.07%
Total nonperforming assets as a % of assets	1.47%	1.35%	1.43%
Allowance for loan losses as a % of total loans	1.09%	1.11%	1.13%
Allowance for loan losses as a % of nonperforming loans	51.70%	57.87%	54.40%

#### Analysis of Average Daily Balances and Rates

(Dollars in Thousands)

(Dollars in Thousands)						
	3 Months Ended 12/31/2017 Average Balance	Rate of Return/ Cost of Funds %	3 Months Ended 9/30/2017 Average Balance	Rate of Return/ Cost of Funds %	3 Months Ended 12/31/2016 Average Balance	Rate of Return/ Cost of Funds %
EARNING ASSETS						
Available-for-sale securities,						
at amortized cost:						
Taxable	\$257,714	2.14%	\$251,774	2.11%	\$279,385	1.96%
Tax-exempt	106,773	4.23%	111,721	4.27%	118,541	4.36%
Total available-for-sale securities	364,487	2.76%	363,495	2.78%	397,926	2.67%
Interest-bearing due from banks	15,423	1.29%	21,260	1.25%	14,424	0.74%
Loans held for sale	393	5.05%	781	5.08%	341	7.00%
Loans receivable:						
Taxable	729,219	4.92%	717,012	4.92%	688,123	4.87%
Tax-exempt	73,683	4.56%	71,334	4.51%	57,293	4.53%
Total loans receivable	802,902	4.88%	788,346	4.88%	745,416	4.84%
Total Earning Assets	1,183,205	4.18%	1,173,882	4.16%	1,158,107	4.05%
Cash	17,645		18,325		16,636	
Unrealized gain/loss on securities	(844)		1,449		4,223	
Allowance for loan losses	(9,013)		(8,769)		(8,585)	
Bank premises and equipment	15,313		15,431		15,425	
Intangible assets	11,954		11,958		11,960	
Other assets	42,294		40,944		41,431	
Total Assets	\$1,260,554		\$1,253,220		\$1,239,197	
INTEREST-BEARING LIABILITIES Interest-bearing deposits:						
Interest checking	\$215,300	0.28%	\$219,633	0.25%	\$212,463	0.16%
Money market	188,659	0.19%	194,947	0.19%	199,983	0.18%
Savings	147,382	0.10%	145,025	0.10%	135,059	0.10%
Certificates of deposit	119,936	0.92%	119,351	0.85%	113,776	0.78%
Individual Retirement Accounts	96,148	0.46%	96,934	0.45%	101,046	0.43%
Other time deposits	682	0.00%	1,472	0.27%	676	0.00%
Total interest-bearing deposits	768,107	0.35%	777,362	0.33%	763,003	0.28%
Borrowed funds:						
Short-term	25,669	1.28%	7,139	0.44%	18,182	0.48%
Long-term	29,480	3.35%	36,469	3.67%	38,497	3.75%
Total borrowed funds	55,149	2.39%	43,608	3.14%	56,679	2.70%
Total Interest-bearing Liabilities	823,256	0.48%	820,970	0.48%	819,682	0.45%
Demand deposits	237,518		232,839		221,928	
Other liabilities	9,308		8,801		9,366	
Total Liabilities	1,070,082		1,062,610		1,050,976	
Shareholders' equity, excluding						
other comprehensive income/loss	190,878		189,520		185,437	
Accumulated other comprehensive income/loss	(406)		1,090		2,784	
Total Shareholders' Equity	190,472		190,610		188,221	
Total Liabilities and Shareholders' Equity	\$1,260,554		\$1,253,220		\$1,239,197	
Interest Rate Spread		3.70%		3.68%		3.60%
Net Interest Income/Earning Assets		3.85%		3.83%		3.73%
Total Deposits (Interest-bearing						
and Demand)	\$1,005,625		\$1,010,201		\$984,931	

(1) Annualized rates of return on tax-exempt securities and loans are presented on a fully taxable-equivalent basis, using

the Corporation's marginal federal income tax rate of 35%.

(2) Nonaccrual loans have been included with loans for the purpose of analyzing net interest earnings.

(3) Rates of return on earning assets and costs of funds have been presented on an annualized basis.

#### Analysis of Average Daily Balances and Rates

(Dollars in Thousands)

	Year Ended 12/31/2017 Average Balance	Rate of Return/ Cost of Funds %	Year Ended 12/31/2016 Average Balance	Rate of Return/ Cost of Funds %
EARNING ASSETS				
Available-for-sale securities,				
at amortized cost:				
Taxable	\$259,079	2.12%	\$293,636	2.01%
Tax-exempt	112,746	4.34%	111,343	4.71%
Total available-for-sale securities	371,825	2.79%	404,979	2.75%
Interest-bearing due from banks	16,634	1.14%	19,022	0.61%
Loans held for sale	470	5.32%	472	5.72%
Loans receivable:				
Taxable	711,901	4.90%	662,769	4.95%
Tax-exempt	68,739	4.52%	60,307	4.52%
Total loans receivable	780,640	4.87%	723,076	4.92%
Total Earning Assets	1,169,569	4.16%	1,147,549	4.08%
Cash	17,322		16,570	
Unrealized gain/loss on securities	88		7,166	
Allowance for loan losses	(8,820)		(8,082)	
Bank premises and equipment	15,541		15,413	
Intangible assets	11,957		11,966	
Other assets	42,102		39,284	
Total Assets	\$1,247,759		\$1,229,866	
Interest-bearing deposits: Interest checking Money market	\$209,893 191,356	0.23% 0.19%	\$201,357 199,405	0.15% 0.17%
Savings	143,575	0.10%	132,679	0.10%
Certificates of deposit	117,366	0.85%	117,130	0.75%
Individual Retirement Accounts	97,519	0.45%	103,467	0.42%
Other time deposits	1,014	0.10%	1,036	0.10%
Total interest-bearing deposits	760,723	0.32%	755,074	0.28%
Borrowed funds:				
Short-term	23,761	0.90%	23,906	0.65%
Long-term	35,658	3.64%	38,610	3.76%
Total borrowed funds	59,419	2.54%	62,516	2.57%
Total Interest-bearing Liabilities	820,142	0.48%	817,590	0.45%
Demand deposits	230,194		215,373	
Other liabilities	8,465		8,530	
Total Liabilities	1,058,801		1,041,493	
Shareholders' equity, excluding				
other comprehensive income/loss	188,756		183,671	
Accumulated other comprehensive income/loss	202		4,702	
Total Shareholders' Equity	188,958		188,373	
Total Liabilities and Shareholders' Equity	\$1,247,759		\$1,229,866	
Interest Rate Spread	÷ , <u> </u>	3.68%	+ :,=20,000	3.63%
Net Interest Income/Earning Assets		3.82%		3.76%
Total Deposits (Interest-bearing and Demand)	\$990,917		\$970,447	

(1) Annualized rates of return on tax-exempt securities and loans are presented on a fully taxable-equivalent basis, using the Corporation's marginal federal income tax rate of 35%.

(2) Nonaccrual loans have been included with loans for the purpose of analyzing net interest earnings.

(3) Rates of return on earning assets and costs of funds have been presented on an annualized basis.

# COMPARISON OF NONINTEREST REVENUE

(In Thousands)	Three Months Ended			Years Ended	
	Dec. 31,	Sept. 30,	Dec. 31,	Dec. 31,	Dec. 31,
	2017	2017	2016	2017	2016
Service charges on deposit accounts	\$1,142	\$1,168	\$1,172	\$4,488	\$4,695
Service charges and fees	101	115	104	417	439
Trust and financial management revenue	1,430	1,292	1,193	5,399	4,760
Brokerage revenue	246	187	187	797	756
Insurance commissions, fees and premiums	17	26	28	115	102
Interchange revenue from debit card transactions	572	561	512	2,221	1,943
Net gains from sales of loans	167	297	330	818	1,029
Loan servicing fees, net	82	35	64	244	103
Increase in cash surrender value of life insurance	98	97	96	379	382
Other operating income	262	288	345	1,275	1,302
Total other operating income, before realized					
gains on available-for-sale securities, net	\$4,117	\$4,066	\$4,031	\$16,153	\$15,511

# COMPARISON OF NONINTEREST EXPENSES

(In Thousands)	Three Months Ended			Years Ended	
	Dec. 31,	Sept. 30,	Dec. 31,	Dec. 31,	Dec. 31,
	2017	2017	2016	2017	2016
Salaries and wages	\$3,981	\$3,985	\$3,710	\$15,806	\$15,411
Pensions and other employee benefits	1,484	1,216	1,218	5,374	4,717
Occupancy expense, net	582	580	570	2,340	2,340
Furniture and equipment expense	462	471	429	1,834	1,730
FDIC Assessments	93	93	40	376	488
Pennsylvania shares tax	321	336	342	1,329	1,274
Professional fees	336	269	310	1,086	1,126
Automated teller machine and interchange expense	339	346	330	1,284	1,137
Software subscriptions	320	299	252	1,190	981
Other operating expense	1,483	1,597	1,357	6,348	5,540
Total noninterest expense	\$9,401	\$9,192	\$8,558	\$36,967	\$34,744