

## **FIRST NILES FINANCIAL, INC. ANNOUNCES THIRD QUARTER 2024 EARNINGS**

Niles, Ohio, November 14, 2024 - First Niles Financial, Inc. (OTC Pink: FNFI), the holding company for Home Federal Savings and Loan Association of Niles today reported results for the three-month and nine-month periods ended September 30, 2024.

The Company recorded a net income of \$332,000 for the three months ended September 30, 2024, compared to net income of \$216,000 for the same period in 2023, an increase of \$116,000. For the nine months ended September 30, 2024, the Company recorded net income of \$686,000 compared to net income of \$466,000 for the nine months ended September 30, 2023, an increase of \$220,000, or 47.2%.

Primary earnings per share for the three and nine-months ended September 30, 2024, was \$0.25 and \$0.51, respectively, as compared to \$0.16 and \$0.35 for the three-month and nine-month comparative periods in 2023.

Net interest income after the provision for loan losses for the third quarter of 2024 was \$751,000, as compared to \$771,000 for the third quarter of 2023, a decrease of \$20,000, or 2.6%. For the nine months ended September 30, 2024, net interest income after the provision for loan losses totaled \$2.30 million, or \$61,000 less than the comparative period in 2023.

Non-interest income for the third quarter of 2024 was \$1.58 million, as compared to \$967,000 for the third quarter of 2023, an increase of \$613,000. For the nine months ended September 30, 2024, non-interest income totaled \$3.57 million, compared to \$2.59 million for the same nine-month period in 2023, an increase of \$986,000. The increase in non-interest income in both comparative periods presented was primarily attributable to an increase in revenue from mortgage banking activities at the Union Capital Mortgage Corporation subsidiary.

Non-interest expense increased to \$1.89 million, for the quarter ended September 30, 2024, as compared to \$1.47 million for the quarter ended September 30, 2023. Non-interest expense increased to \$4.97 million in the current nine-month period as compared to \$4.37 million the same period one year ago. The increase in non-interest expense in both comparative periods was primarily related to an increase in mortgage banking activities at the Union Capital Mortgage Corporation subsidiary.

Non-performing loans, consisting of non-accruing loans and accruing loans delinquent more than 90 days totaled \$973,000 at September 30, 2024, or 1.0% of net loans receivable. The allowance for loan losses totaled \$1.0 million at September 30, 2024, representing 104.6% of non-performing loans and 1.0% of net loans receivable. At December 31, 2023 the allowance for loan losses totaled \$1.1 million, representing 243.4% of non-performing loans and 1.0% of net loans receivable. At September 30, 2024, we had no real estate owned, which is unchanged from December 31, 2023.

At September 30, 2024, total assets were \$152.2 million compared to \$156.9 million at December 31, 2023, a decrease of \$4.7 million, or 3.0%. Net loans held for investment totaled \$101.0 million at September 30, 2024, as compared to \$103.0 million at December 31, 2023, a decrease of \$2.0 million, or 2.0%. Deposits were \$83.9 million at September 30, 2024, as compared to \$88.1 million at December 31, 2023, a decrease of \$4.2 million, or 4.7%.

Total equity at September 30, 2023, was \$14.5 million, \$840,000 higher than at December 31, 2023. The increase in total equity was primarily attributable to a \$398,000 decrease in accumulated other comprehensive loss on securities available for sale, and a \$442,000 increase in retained earnings. At September 30, 2024, the Association significantly exceeded all regulatory capital requirements.

First Niles Financial, Inc. and its wholly owned subsidiary, Home Federal Savings and Loan Association of Niles, may from time to time make written or oral forward-looking statements within the meaning of federal securities laws. These forward-looking statements may also be included in press releases, such as this one, and other communications by the company, which are made in good faith by us pursuant to the safe harbor provisions of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995.

These forward-looking statements include statements about our beliefs, plans, objectives, goals, expectations, anticipations, estimates and intentions, that are subject to significant risk and uncertainties, and are subject to change based on various factors (some of which are beyond our control). The words may, could, should, would, believe, anticipate, estimate, expect, intend, plan and similar expressions are intended to identify forward-looking statements. Except as required by law or regulation, the Company disclaims any obligation to update such forward-looking statements.

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**Selected Financial Condition Data**  
(In thousands, except per share data)

	September 30,	December 31,
	2024	2023
<b>Selected Financial Condition Data:</b>		
Total assets	\$ 152,231	\$ 156,897
Loans held for investment	100,957	102,985
Loans held for sale	15,139	10,099
Securities (AFS) at market	15,869	16,067
Securities (HTM) at cost	1,250	1,250
Deposits	83,920	88,100
Total borrowings	51,548	53,070
Retained earnings	14,041	13,599
Common Stock and paid in capital	6,668	6,668
Total equity	14,501	13,661
Book value per share	\$ 10.70	\$ 10.08

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(In thousands, except per share data)

	Three Months Ended		Nine Months Ended	
	September 30,		September 30,	
	2024	2023	2024	2023
<b>Selected Operations Data:</b>				
Interest Income	\$ 1,890	\$ 1,737	\$ 5,548	\$ 4,828
Interest Expense	1,138	931	3,303	2,337
Provision for loan losses	1	34	(52)	133
Net interest income after provision	751	771	2,297	2,358
Total noninterest income	1,579	967	3,572	2,586
Total noninterest expense	1,888	1,472	4,968	4,369
Income before taxes	442	265	901	575
Income tax provision	110	49	215	108
Net income	\$ 332	\$ 216	\$ 686	\$ 466
Earnings per share – basic	\$ 0.25	\$ 0.16	\$ 0.51	\$ 0.35
Earnings per share – diluted	\$ 0.25	\$ 0.16	\$ 0.51	\$ 0.35