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FIRST INDEPENDENCE ANNOUNCES SECOND QUARTER EARNINGS

INDEPENDENCE, KS (April 22, 2008) -- First Independence Corporation (OTC Bulletin Board: FFSL.OB) (the "Company"), reported net earnings of \$451,000 for the second quarter of fiscal 2008, compared to \$336,000 for the second quarter of fiscal 2007. Diluted earnings per share of common stock for the second quarter of fiscal 2008 were \$.53, compared to diluted earnings per share of \$.38 for the second quarter of fiscal 2007. Net earnings for the first half of fiscal 2008 were \$863,000, compared to \$641,000 for the first half of fiscal 2007. Diluted earnings per share for the six months ended March 31, 2008 were \$1.00, compared to diluted earnings per share of \$.73 for the six months ended March 31, 2007.

Return on average assets for the second quarter of fiscal 2008 was .92% (annualized), compared to .72% (annualized), for the same period last year. Return on average equity for the second quarter of fiscal 2008 was 10.64% (annualized), compared to 8.11% (annualized), in the second quarter of fiscal 2007. Return on average assets for the first half of fiscal 2008 was .89% (annualized), compared to .69% (annualized), for the same period last year. Return on average equity for the first six months of fiscal 2008 was 10.15% (annualized), compared to 7.75% (annualized), for the first six months of fiscal 2007.

We had \$195.2 million in assets and \$16.9 million in stockholders' equity as of March 31, 2008. During this second quarter, we repurchased 30,560 shares of common stock, at an average cost of \$17.89 per share. At March 31, 2008, total shares outstanding were 833,163.

The Company is the parent corporation for First Federal Savings and Loan Association of Independence, Kansas ("First Federal"). At March 31, 2008, First Federal exceeded all of its regulatory capital requirements. First Federal has four full-service branch offices primarily serving Montgomery, Wilson, Crawford and Chautauqua Counties in Kansas along with a loan production office in Lawrence, Kansas.

This release contains forward-looking statements as that term is defined in the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Such forward-looking statements are subject to risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results to differ materially from those anticipated. These risks and uncertainties include, among others, changes in economic conditions in our market area, changes in policies by regulatory agencies, fluctuations in interest rates, demand for loans in our market area and competition that could cause actual results to differ materially from historical earnings and those presently anticipated or projected. For additional discussion of factors that may affect the Company's performance, refer to those described from time to time in our press releases and other communications.

A consolidated financial summary follows.

FIRST INDEPENDENCE CORPORATION
FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS
(Dollars in thousands, except per share data)

	March 31, 2008		September 30, 2007	
Financial Condition Highlights:				
Total assets	\$ 195,195		\$ 191,465	
Loans receivable	151,797		142,485	
Loans held for sale	---		---	
Mortgage-backed and investment securities held to maturity	31,900		36,138	
Real estate acquired through foreclosure	255		103	
Deposits	130,885		131,442	
Borrowed funds	45,919		41,382	
Stockholders' equity	16,856		16,972	
Stockholders' equity per outstanding common share	\$20.23		\$19.52	
Selected Asset Quality Ratios:				
Non-performing loans to total loans	.80%		.87%	
Non-performing assets to total assets	.75%		.71%	
Allowance for loan losses to non-performing loans	77.08%		68.98%	
Allowance for loan losses to non-performing assets	63.70%		63.73%	
	Three months ended March 31,		Six months ended March 31,	
	2008	2007	2008	2007
Operating Highlights:				
Net interest income	\$ 1,503	\$ 1,282	\$ 2,901	\$ 2,501
Provision for loan losses	110	50	131	66
Net earnings	\$451	\$336	\$863	\$641
Operating Ratios (annualized):				
Return on average assets	.92%		.89%	
Return on average equity	10.64%		10.15%	
Interest rate spread information:				
Average yield on interest-earning assets	6.91%		6.90%	
Average cost of interest-bearing liabilities	3.95%		4.06%	
Average rate spread during period	2.95%		2.84%	
Net interest margin	3.19%		3.09%	
Ratio of average interest-earning assets to average interest-bearing liabilities	106.53%		106.62%	
Stock price for period:				
High bid	\$19.76	\$18.78	\$21.03	\$18.78
Low bid	\$19.00	\$18.58	\$19.00	\$18.48
Closing bid at 3/31	\$19.76	\$18.78	\$19.76	\$18.78
Net earnings per share (diluted)	\$.53		\$1.00	
Weighted average shares of common stock and common stock equivalents	854,635		882,836	

FIRST INDEPENDENCE CORPORATION
CONSOLIDATED CONDENSED BALANCE SHEETS

	<u>March 31,</u> 2008	<u>September 30,</u> 2007
<u>ASSETS</u>		
Cash and due from banks	\$ 570,717	\$ 464,213
Federal funds sold	935,000	2,400,000
Other interest-bearing deposits	<u>445,550</u>	<u>686,652</u>
Cash and cash equivalents	1,951,267	3,550,865
Investment securities held to maturity (fair value: March 31, 2008 - \$28,922,164; September 30, 2007 - \$32,035,690)	28,060,622	31,992,495
Mortgage-backed securities held to maturity (fair value: March 31, 2008 - \$3,893,968; September 30, 2007 - \$4,076,606)	3,839,498	4,145,282
Loans receivable	151,797,166	142,484,732
Loans held for sale	---	---
Premises and equipment	2,345,884	2,351,313
Federal Home Loan Bank Stock, at cost	3,263,700	3,180,200
Accrued interest receivable	1,170,530	1,178,871
Real estate acquired through foreclosure	255,473	102,879
Income taxes receivable	8,084	1,413
Other	266,687	281,740
Cash value of life insurance	<u>2,236,126</u>	<u>2,194,915</u>
Total assets	<u>\$ 195,195,037</u>	<u>\$ 191,464,705</u>
 <u>LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY</u>		
Liabilities		
Deposits	\$ 130,884,515	\$ 131,441,603
Advances from borrowers for taxes and insurance	1,031,593	967,198
Advances from Federal Home Loan Bank	45,919,154	41,382,258
Income taxes payable	22,599	15,496
Deferred income taxes	205,183	184,606
Accrued expenses and other	<u>275,831</u>	<u>501,258</u>
Total liabilities	178,338,875	174,492,419
Stockholders' equity		
Preferred stock, \$.01 par value, 500,000 shares authorized, none issued	---	---
Common stock, \$.01 par value, 2,500,000 shares authorized, 1,649,288 shares issued	16,493	16,493
Additional paid-in capital	8,238,250	8,233,875
Retained earnings - substantially restricted	18,611,716	18,060,217
Treasury stock at cost, 816,125 shares at March 31, 2008 and 779,604 shares at September 30, 2007	<u>(10,010,297)</u>	<u>(9,338,299)</u>
Total stockholders' equity	<u>16,856,162</u>	<u>16,972,286</u>
Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	<u>\$ 195,195,037</u>	<u>\$ 191,464,705</u>

FIRST INDEPENDENCE CORPORATION
CONSOLIDATED CONDENSED STATEMENTS OF EARNINGS

	Three Months Ended March 31,		Six Months Ended March 31,	
	<u>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>
Interest income				
Loans	\$2,801,278	\$2,532,155	\$5,548,965	\$4,970,227
Mortgage-backed securities	50,070	59,084	102,285	121,661
Investment securities	350,080	354,324	717,683	696,516
Interest-bearing deposits and other	<u>48,260</u>	<u>74,758</u>	<u>102,787</u>	<u>128,542</u>
Total interest income	3,249,688	3,020,321	6,471,720	5,916,946
Interest expense				
Deposits	1,162,761	1,194,819	2,391,141	2,227,584
Borrowed funds	<u>584,084</u>	<u>543,498</u>	<u>1,179,965</u>	<u>1,188,694</u>
Total interest expense	<u>1,746,845</u>	<u>1,738,317</u>	<u>3,571,106</u>	<u>3,416,278</u>
Net interest income	1,502,843	1,282,004	2,900,614	2,500,668
Provision for loan losses	<u>109,980</u>	<u>50,196</u>	<u>130,518</u>	<u>65,514</u>
Net interest income after provision for loan losses	1,392,863	1,231,808	2,770,096	2,435,154
Noninterest income				
Service charges	261,839	219,622	532,735	463,323
Other	<u>88,748</u>	<u>85,181</u>	<u>163,427</u>	<u>158,087</u>
Total noninterest income	350,587	304,803	696,162	621,410
Noninterest expense				
Employee compensation and benefits	590,349	620,060	1,208,052	1,212,995
Occupancy and equipment	124,398	110,306	243,972	218,270
Foreclosed assets, net	9,131	336	10,151	24,727
Data processing fees	82,883	76,629	167,576	159,063
Other operating	<u>248,846</u>	<u>215,793</u>	<u>500,015</u>	<u>445,794</u>
Total noninterest expense	<u>1,055,607</u>	<u>1,023,124</u>	<u>2,129,766</u>	<u>2,060,849</u>
Earnings before income taxes	687,843	513,487	1,336,492	995,715
Income tax expense	<u>236,909</u>	<u>177,693</u>	<u>473,113</u>	<u>354,494</u>
Net earnings	<u>\$ 450,934</u>	<u>\$ 335,794</u>	<u>\$ 863,379</u>	<u>\$ 641,221</u>
Earnings per common share				
Basic	<u>\$.54</u>	<u>\$.38</u>	<u>\$ 1.04</u>	<u>\$.73</u>
Diluted	<u>\$.53</u>	<u>\$.38</u>	<u>\$ 1.00</u>	<u>\$.73</u>
Dividends per share	<u>\$.1875</u>	<u>\$.1750</u>	<u>\$.3625</u>	<u>\$.3375</u>
Weighted average shares outstanding				
Basic	<u>833,163</u>	<u>876,519</u>	<u>833,163</u>	<u>879,133</u>
Diluted	<u>854,635</u>	<u>880,221</u>	<u>862,027</u>	<u>882,836</u>