

NEWS RELEASE CATHAY GENERAL BANCORP

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CATHAY GENERAL BANCORP DECLARES DIVIDEND OF \$0.07 PER SHARE

Los Angeles, Calif., August 22, 2014: Cathay General Bancorp (NASDAQ: CATY) announced today that on August 21, 2014, its Board of Directors declared a cash dividend of seven cents per common share payable on September 12, 2014, to stockholders of record at the close of business on September 2, 2014.

ABOUT CATHAY GENERAL BANCORP

Cathay General Bancorp is the holding company for Cathay Bank, a California state-chartered bank. Founded in 1962, Cathay Bank offers a wide range of financial services. Cathay Bank currently operates 32 branches in California, eight branches in New York State, three in the Chicago, Illinois area, three in Washington State, two in Texas, one in Massachusetts, one in Newada, one in New Jersey, one in Hong Kong, and a representative office in Taipei and in Shanghai. Cathay Bank's website is found at www.cathaybank.com. Cathay General Bancorp's website is found at www.cathaygeneralbancorp.com.