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## **AMEGY BANK OFFERS TIPS TO PROTECT YOUR IDENTITY DURING NATIONAL CYBERSECURITY AWARENESS MONTH**

SAN ANTONIO (Oct. 18, 2019) — According to a recent study, more than 15 million U.S. consumers were victims of identity theft in 2016, up from nearly 2.4 million victims in 2015. As identity theft continues to be a major threat, Amegy Bank is offering tips to help consumers proactively protect their information from identity thieves.

“More and more consumers are inadvertently becoming exposed to identity theft and fraud,” said David McGee, Amegy Bank-Central Texas CEO. “With threats at an all-time high, it is extremely important that consumers take extra precaution, making sure not to share passwords or identifying information with just anyone who contacts you online or over the phone.”

In honor of National Cybersecurity Awareness Month, Amegy Bank offers the following tips to help consumers protect themselves from becoming a victim of identity theft:

- **Don’t share your secrets.** Don’t provide your Social Security number or account information to anyone who contacts you online or over the phone. Protect your PINs and passwords and do not share them with anyone. Use a combination of letters and numbers for your passwords and change them periodically. Do not reveal sensitive or personal information on social networking sites.
- **Shred sensitive papers.** Shred receipts, banks statements and unused credit card offers before throwing them away.
- **Keep an eye out for missing mail.** Fraudsters look for monthly bank or credit card statements or other mail containing your financial information. Consider enrolling in online banking to reduce the likelihood of paper statements being stolen. Also, don’t mail bills from your own mailbox with the flag up.
- **Use online banking to protect yourself.** Monitor your financial accounts regularly for fraudulent transactions. Sign up for text or email alerts from your bank for certain types of transactions, such as online purchases or transactions of more than \$500.
- **Monitor your credit report.** Order a free copy of your credit report every four months from one of the three credit reporting agencies at [annualcreditreport.com](http://annualcreditreport.com).

- **Protect your computer.** Make sure the virus protection software on your computer is active and up to date. When conducting business online, make sure your browser's padlock or key icon is active. Also look for an "s" after the "http" to be sure the website is secure.
- **Protect your mobile device.** Use the passcode lock on your smartphone and other devices. This will make it more difficult for thieves to access your information if your device is lost or stolen. Before you donate, sell or trade your mobile device, be sure to wipe it using specialized software or using the manufacturer's recommended technique. Some software allows you to wipe your device remotely if it is lost or stolen. Use caution when downloading apps, as they may contain malware and avoid opening links and attachments – especially for senders you don't know.
- **Report any suspected fraud to your bank immediately.**

### **About Amegy Bank**

Amegy Bank, a division of Zions Bancorporation, N.A., is a leading Texas bank with \$13 billion in assets and about 1,600 employees. With more than 75 locations across Houston, Dallas-Fort Worth, and Central Texas, Amegy is dedicated to serving Texas communities, families and businesses. Founded in 1990, Amegy has a strong tradition of relationship banking, local decision making and financial knowledge. Amegy specializes in banking businesses of all sizes and has the resources to provide financing, treasury management solutions, international banking, as well as other specialized services. Equally important, the bank offers individuals and families a wide range of depository, lending, and mortgage solutions.

To learn more about Amegy Bank-Central Texas, visit [amegybank.com/about-us/our-markets/central-texas/](http://amegybank.com/about-us/our-markets/central-texas/) or call 800-287-0301.

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