

BEACON FEDERAL BANCORP, INC.

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**Beacon Federal Announces Dewitt Branch Relocation**

East Syracuse, New York, May 26, 2011 – Beacon Federal Bancorp, Inc. (the “Company”) (NASDAQ: BFED) the holding company for Beacon Federal (the “Bank”), today announced plans to relocate its branch located at 6311 Court Street Road, East Syracuse, NY to a new location at 6788 Northern Boulevard, Dewitt, NY.

“This new location was chosen with customer convenience, future growth and efficiency in mind” said Chief Executive Officer Ross Prossner. “We are excited about this move and the opportunities it will bring to our new and existing customers.”

The new branch, which is expected to be opened in the fall of 2011, will continue to offer the full array of personal and business banking products and services that are currently available at the Court Street Road location, in addition to a new drive-thru lane and easier entry and exit access to the building.

“As a local financial institution that has been committed to serving the community for over 58 years, it is our goal to keep customer needs at the forefront of all our decisions.” said Prossner.

Beacon Federal (“the Bank”), a subsidiary of Beacon Federal Bancorp, Inc., provides a full array of banking products and services to both individuals and commercial customers. The Bank is headquartered with a full-service branch in East Syracuse, New York, along with seven other full-service branches in East Syracuse, Marcy and Rome, New York, Smartt and Smyrna, Tennessee, Tyler, Texas and Chelmsford, Massachusetts. The Company’s stock is traded on the NASDAQ Global Market under the symbol “BFED.” For more information about Beacon Federal, visit [www.beaconfederal.com](http://www.beaconfederal.com).

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