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910 Bridge Street N.W.  
2185 - 3 Mile Road N.W.  
6275 28<sup>th</sup> Street S. E.

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**Bloomingtondale** - 101 Spring Street

**Caledonia** - 627 E. Main Street

#### **Holland**

12368 Riley Street  
177 N. River Avenue  
855 S. Washington Avenue

**Dutton** - 3205 68<sup>th</sup> Street S.E.

**Fennville** - 125 S. Maple Street

**Fremont** - 211 W. Main Street

**Grand Haven** - 1600 S. Beacon Blvd.

**Hastings** - 241 W. State Street

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**Middleville** - 303 Arlington Street

**Saugatuck** - 249 Mason Street

**South Haven** - 433 Phoenix Street

**South Haven** - 73881 M-43

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### **An Important Message to Our Customers**

In early January, I announced that our Board of Directors had voted to recommend that our shareholders approve the merger of OAK Financial Corporation, parent company of Byron Bank, into Chemical Financial Corporation. The result of the merger, if completed, will be that Byron Bank will become part of Chemical Bank.

In the weeks following my announcement, a great deal of behind-the-scenes work has taken place. As you can imagine, bringing our banks together with no disruption to our customers requires careful planning and flawless execution. Our goal is to make the transition as seamless as possible for each of you and, in the process, to deliver the outstanding experience you've come to expect from us.

Our merger is subject to the approval of our shareholders and our regulators. Assuming that those approvals are received, we anticipate that our name will change to Chemical Bank during the second quarter.

This merger is uniquely positive for a number of reasons. First and foremost, it brings together two of Michigan's stronger publicly-traded banking companies. Each has been independently successful and we believe that the combination of our solid balance sheets and highly-talented team members will position us to make an important contribution to the growth of West Michigan. In the process, we'll be able to offer a broader range of products, services and branch locations to our customers, while providing greater liquidity and opportunity to our shareholders.

As we move through the next few months, you may have questions about how our merger will affect you and your relationship with Byron Bank. Periodically, we'll provide you with merger updates and share the answers to commonly-asked questions. If you have urgent questions or concerns, I encourage you to contact us anytime at [CustomerCare@BankAtByron.com](mailto:CustomerCare@BankAtByron.com) or by calling (800) 747-5004. One of us will get back to you promptly. You may also check our website, [www.BankAtByron.com](http://www.BankAtByron.com), for merger status reports.

We're very optimistic about our future with Chemical Bank and look forward to being an important part of that organization. As I've said so often, it doesn't matter what name is on our signs. What does matter, however, are the relationships we enjoy with each of you and our commitment to earning your trust. You have my promise that those will remain unchanged.

Thank you for the privilege of serving you.

Sincerely,

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