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## SUFFOLK BANCORP ANNOUNCES 13.3 PERCENT INCREASE IN REGULAR CASH DIVIDEND

*Riverhead, New York, May 28, 2002*, — **Suffolk Bancorp** (NASDAQ - SUBK) announced that the Board of Directors, at its regular meeting on May 24, 2002, declared a regular quarterly dividend of \$0.17 per share of common stock to all shareholders of record on June 14, 2002, payable on July 1, 2002.

President and Chief Executive Officer, Thomas S. Kohlmann, commented, "This increase reflects our Board's confidence in Suffolk's performance. It also speaks of our determination to manage capital to maintain optimum leverage for our shareholders. A cash dividend provides current income, and complements our program to repurchase shares which should encourage capital appreciation over time."

Suffolk Bancorp is a one-bank holding company engaged in the commercial banking business through The Suffolk County National Bank, a full service commercial bank headquartered in Riverhead, New York. "SCNB" is Suffolk Bancorp's wholly owned subsidiary. Organized in 1890, The Suffolk County National Bank is the second largest independent bank headquartered on Long Island, with 28 offices in Suffolk County, New York.

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This press release may include statements which look to the future. These can include remarks about Suffolk Bancorp, the banking industry, and the economy in general. These remarks are based on current plans and expectations. They are subject, however, to a variety of uncertainties that could cause future results to vary materially from Suffolk's historical performance, or from current expectations. Factors affecting Suffolk Bancorp include particularly, but are not limited to: changes in interest rates; increases or decreases in retail and commercial economic activity in Suffolk's market area; variations in the ability and propensity of consumers and businesses to borrow, repay, or deposit money, or to use other banking and financial services; and changes in government regulations.

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