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Longtime Resident and Local Banking Professional, Maria Kamel, Joins BankRI Wakefield Branch as Assistant Manager

Following a decade of working with area residents and businesses through another financial institution, Kamel excited to be a part of BankRI's customer service-focused team

PROVIDENCE, R.I. – Having recently celebrated the two-year anniversary of the opening its Wakefield branch at 290 Main Street, **Bank Rhode Island (BankRI)** continues to bolster the staff at what's become one of its busiest locations. In response, BankRI is pleased to announce that longtime Wakefield resident and banking professional, Maria Kamel, has joined the Wakefield branch as Assistant Manager.

In her role, Kamel works closely with the branch manager to support the daily operations of the branch, including compliance regulations, teller functions, ATM balancing, and night depository processing. Maria also focuses on cultivating relationships with new and existing personal and business customers to identify personalized solutions to their banking and financial needs.

“Maria has not only an intimate knowledge of the Wakefield community where she lives and works, but also an incredible reputation for strong customer service and relationship building—her customers are extremely loyal thanks to the attention she provides,” said Erica Martineau, Vice President and Regional Manager for BankRI. “She is a great addition to the BankRI team and I have no doubt that she'll be an asset to the bank and our growing customer base in the region.”

Prior to joining BankRI, Kamel spent ten years as a Senior Personal Banker with Citizens Bank at its Wakefield branch.

Maria has been a resident of Wakefield for more than 25 years and is the proud mother of a 16-year old son. She studied International Business at the University of Rhode Island and holds certification as a Teaching Assistant. When she's not working, you can often find Maria enjoying nature walks, South County's many beaches, and spending time with family and friends.

About Bank Rhode Island

Bank Rhode Island, a wholly owned subsidiary of Brookline Bancorp, Inc. (NASDAQ:BRKL), is a full-service, FDIC-insured financial institution headquartered in Providence, Rhode Island. The bank operates 19 branches and more than 55 ATMs throughout Providence, Kent and Washington Counties. For more information, visit www.BankRI.com. You can also find BankRI on Facebook at www.Facebook.com/BankRhodeIsland.

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