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**OCONEE FINANCIAL CORPORATION ANNOUNCES COMPLETION OF  
OFFERING OF \$20 MILLION OF SUBORDINATED NOTES**

*Oconee Financial Corporation Secures Cost-Effective Capital to Meaningfully Support Its Growth Plans  
Investor Demand Very Strong Resulting in Substantial Oversubscription*

**Watkinsville, GA** August 18, 2025 – Oconee Financial Corporation (the “Company” or “Oconee”) (OTCQX:OSBK), the parent company of Oconee State Bank (the “Bank”), announced today that the Company has completed a private placement (the “Offering”) of \$20 million in aggregate principal amount of fixed-to-floating rate subordinated notes (the “Notes”).

“The successful completion of this subordinated debt offering at such attractive terms is a credit to our strategic plan, strong balance sheet, and the team that is executing every day at Oconee State Bank,” said Oconee State Bank President and CEO Neil Stevens. “This additional capital will serve us well in driving our growth strategies — such as the Macon expansion recently announced, investments into other high-potential markets, and investments in our legacy markets as well.”

The Notes have been structured to qualify as Tier 2 capital under regulatory capital guidelines, and the proceeds from the sale of the Notes will be utilized for repayment of the Company’s existing subordinated debt, general corporate purposes, and potential future strategic opportunities, including contribution of capital to the Bank to support organic growth and maintenance of bank level capital ratios. The offering size was increased from its original size due to the offering being significantly oversubscribed.

Principal on the Notes is due on August 15, 2035, and the debt is not redeemable until August 15, 2030, except on the occurrence of certain specified events. Interest only is payable in arrears prior to the due date, every six months during the fixed interest rate period and quarterly thereafter. The interest rate is fixed until August 15, 2030 at 7.50% and thereafter floats based on the Three-Month Term Secured Overnight Financing Rate (“SOFR”) (provided, however, that in the event Three-Month Term SOFR is less than zero, Three-Month Term SOFR shall be deemed zero) plus 407 basis points.

Jim McLemore, Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of Oconee, added, “Through issuing these notes, we’ve cost-effectively increased our capital levels without diluting current shareholders. We are grateful for the strong demand for the notes, which was a solid vote of confidence for our Company’s financial strength and growth plans.”

Performance Trust Capital Partners served as the sole placement agent in the Offering. Alston & Bird served as legal counsel to the Company, and Fenimore Kay Harrison LLP served as legal counsel to Performance Trust Capital Partners.

## About the Company

Oconee Financial Corporation is the holding company for Oconee State Bank, established in 1960 and headquartered in Watkinsville, Georgia, and operates six full-service financial centers across Oconee, Athens-Clarke, Gwinnett, Macon-Bibb, and Elbert counties. The Bank also maintains a Loan and Deposit Production Office in Johnson City, Tennessee, under its Trio South Bank division. The Bank is the only locally owned and operated community bank headquartered in Oconee County. Oconee State Bank proudly serves its communities, providing unparalleled commitment to personalized service, innovative products, and solutions, and brings exceptional value to all stakeholders, through local ownership, involvement, and decision-making. The Bank strives to be essential to those it serves, by creating remarkable experiences that significantly mark the lives of others. Oconee Financial Corporation was established in January 1999 to serve as the holding company of Oconee State Bank.

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