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## **Independent Financial Names Bill Wade Chief Digital Officer**

McKinney, TX (April 6, 2021) – Independent Financial has named Bill Wade as Chief Digital Officer, tapping him to lead the Bank’s digital and key technology initiatives.

Wade has more than 35 years in financial and business consulting technology, and 11 years as a Chief Information Officer in multiple industries. He moves to Independent Financial from \$20 billion Simmons Bank, where he served as Chief Business Architect.

At Independent Financial he will lead a team focusing on digital innovation, data assets, data analytics, workflow automation and system integration. His team will implement new-generation IT strategy and solutions to improve efficiencies and support Independent Financial’s growth.

“Bill Wade is the right candidate to help move Independent Financial forward as we continue to enhance our information technology systems and utilize the latest technology available,” said Jim White, Independent Financial’s Chief Operations Officer. “Technology is ever-changing in today’s financial environment for the Bank and customers alike, and Bill Wade’s professional experience and successful track record will be extremely beneficial.”

Wade has a broad range of experience in banking and financial software systems, mobile applications, web-based interfaces, and other customer-facing technologies. In addition to his work history in the financial services industry, he has served as a guest lecturer and instructor at numerous universities, organizations, and technology forums.

Wade earned a Bachelor of Business Administration in Management from the University of Texas at Arlington. He now resides in Plano, Texas.

### **About Independent Financial**

Independent Financial is a relationship-driven financial services company headquartered in McKinney, Texas that provides a wide range of banking products and services tailored to meet the needs of businesses, professionals, and individuals. Independent Financial operates in four markets (Dallas/Ft. Worth, Austin, and Houston, Texas, and the Colorado Front Range region) with 93 locations across Texas and Colorado. For more information, visit [ifinancial.com](http://ifinancial.com). (Independent Bank, doing business as Independent Financial, is a subsidiary of Independent Bank Group, Inc. NASDAQ: IBTX).

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