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VERMONT FEDERAL CREDIT UNION ANNOUNCES NEW BRANCH MANAGER

Middlebury, VT – Bernie Isabelle, President and CEO of Vermont Federal Credit Union, is pleased to announce that *Stepheni Newton* has joined the Credit Union as Branch Manager of the Middlebury and Vergennes locations.

Stepheni has held several positions at Citizen's bank, with her most recent position as Business Banker II. She brings to the Credit Union more than five years of financial services experience. Stepheni resides in Middlebury with her husband and is active in the Addison County Chamber as a member of their Membership Committee. Stepheni has served as the past President of the Addison County Humane Society demonstrating her strong commitment to her local community.

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Vermont Federal is a \$255 million financial institution, currently serving over 27,000 members. Members are part of a cooperative, meaning that they share ownership in the credit union and elect a voluntary board of directors. Vermont Federal Credit Union provides membership to anyone who lives, works, worships or attends school in Chittenden, Grand Isle, Lamoille, Franklin, Washington, or Addison Counties in Vermont. Vermont Federal Credit Union is committed to providing support to the communities that it serves and to make a decided difference in the lives of its members and other Vermonters.

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