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## **First Quarter Highlights**

- Equitable Financial Corp, parent company of Equitable Bank, reported profits of \$571,000 for the first quarter of fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, or \$.21 per share, compared to \$1,040,000 or .38 per share for the first quarter of fiscal year June 2023.
- Net interest income decreased \$717,000 to \$3.357 million for the quarter ending September 30, 2023, compared to \$4.074 million for the quarter ending September 30, 2022.
- Net loans increased \$6.4 million to \$420 million for the quarter ending September 30, 2023, compared to \$414 million on September 30, 2022.
- Provision for loan losses for the first quarter of fiscal year ending September 30, 2023 was (\$115,000) compared to \$200,000 for the September 30, 2022, quarter end.
- Noninterest income increased \$44,000 to \$1,264,000 for the first quarter of fiscal year ending June 30, 2024 compared to \$1,220,000 for the first quarter of fiscal year ending June 30, 2023. Noninterest income, as in the prior quarter, was affected primarily by a continued decrease in mortgage banking activity and loan originations and sales.
- Noninterest expense was \$3.988 million for the first quarter of fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, compared to \$3.740 million for the first quarter of fiscal year ending June 2023.
- Total assets were \$492,816 million as of September 30, 2023, quarter, compared to \$478,270 million for the quarter of September 30, 2022.
- During the quarter, the company repurchased 8,565 shares of stock, total cost of \$95,517, at an average price per share of \$11.17.

President/CEO Tom Gdowski, stated, "bank performance continues to be impacted by the effects of higher interest rates on balance sheet funding and lower fee income from mortgage banking activities. The pace of Fed interest rate increases has slowed as it appears the primary goal of slowing inflation is beginning to have the desired effect. Overall asset quality remains sound and continues to be a primary focus as well as non-interest expense management.

We continue to believe investing in our own shares via our stock repurchase program at the current prices is an effective use of capital. Our ability to do so is contingent on the overall performance of the Bank. If interested parties wish to sell their stock, please contact us."

### About Equitable Financial Corp.

Equitable Financial Corp. is the holding company for Equitable Bank, which is a Nebraska-based community bank headquartered in Grand Island. Equitable Bank has been in operation since 1882. A full-service bank

with five branches in Grand Island, North Platte and Omaha, Equitable offers consumer, commercial and Ag loans, home loans, checking and savings accounts, financial planning, and retirement services.

#### **Forward-Looking Statements**

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## Equitable Financial Corp. Balance Sheet Unaudited

Assets	Se	ptember 30, 2023		June 30, 2023		
Assets Cash and due from financial institutions	\$	4,140,886	\$	6,705,585		
Interest-earning deposits	φ	16,418,000	φ	1,698,970		
Increase carning deposits		20.558.885		8.404.555		
Interest-bearing time deposits in banks		249,000		249,000		
Securities available-for-sale		28,689,468		30,233,000		
Securities held-to-maturity		6,819		7,979		
Federal Home Loan Bank stock, at cost		1,858,300		2,016,900		
Federal Reserve Bank stock, at cost		473,550		473,400		
Loans, net of allowance for loan losses of \$6,217,000 and \$5,782,000, respectively		420,323,303		419,720,970		
Premises and equipment, net		8,155,930		8,162,359		
Foreclosed assets, net		3,750				
Accrued interest receivable		3,668,267		3,038,319		
Deferred taxes, net		864,349		905,462		
Customer list intangible		1,231,220		1,274,391		
Bank-owned life insurance		3,969,473		3,942,259		
Other assets		2,763,380		2,620,129		
Total assets	\$	492,815,694	\$	481,048,723		
Liabilities and Stockholders' Equity						
Liabilities:						
Noninterest-bearing deposits	\$	52,224,915	\$	57,448,538		
Interest-bearing deposits		374,939,834		354,821,128		
		427,164,749		412,269,666		
Lines of credit		685,000		685,000		
Federal funds purchased		_		2,888,000		
Federal Home Loan Bank Borrowings		15,000,000		15,000,000		
Advance payments from borrowers for taxes and insurance		434,772		884,811		
Accrued interest payable and other liabilities		2,346,555		2,857,233		
Total liabilities		445,631,076		434,584,710		
Common stock in ESOP subject to contingent repurchase obligation		1,492,645		1,484,656		
Stockholders' equity:						
Common stock, \$0.01 par value, 25,000,000 shares authorized 2,666,305 and 2,753,047 shares issued and						
outstanding at June 30, 2023 and June 30, 2022, respectively		26,577		26,663		
Additional paid-in capital		17,393,683		17,483,294		
Retained earnings		31,148,610		30,535,299		
Unearned ESOP shares		(583,192)		(595,096)		
Shares reserved for stock compensation		(13,655)		(18,074)		
Accumulated other comprehensive loss, net of tax		(787,406)		(968,073)		
Reclassification of ESOP shares		(1,492,645)		(1,484,656)		
Total stockholders' equity		45,691,973		44,979,357		
Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	\$	492,815,694	\$	481,048,723		

# Equitable Financial Corp.

Unaudited

		year ended September 30, 2022		
	September 30, 2023			
Interest income:				
Loans	\$ 5,906,817	\$ 4,618,367		
Securities	84,567	102,750		
Other	161,804	49,907		
Total interest income	6,153,188	4,771,025		
interest expense:				
Deposits	2,626,069	554,995		
Federal Home Loan Bank borrowings	153,071	79,849		
Other	16,941	62,41		
Total interest expense	2,796,080	697,254		
Net interest income	3,357,108	4,073,77		
Provision for loan losses	(115,447)	200,605		
Net interest income after provision for loan losses	3,472,555	3,873,160		
Noninterest income:				
Service charges on deposit accounts	315,619	339,41		
Brokerage fee income	595,048	469,30		
Gain on sale of loans	30,578	54,32		
Other loan fees	205,832	237,07		
Other income	117,076	120,23		
Total noninterest income	1,264,153	1,220,340		
Noninterest expense:				
Salaries and employee benefits	2,222,070	2,095,833		
Director and committee fees	44,646	40,82		
Data processing fees	352,920	272,00		
Occupancy and equipment	320,486	330,000		
Regulatory fees and deposit insurance premium	82,889	45,40		
Advertising and public relations	89,262	108,88		
Professional fees	228,505	136,52		
Supplies, telephone and postage	22,220	26,77		
Other expenses	625,023	683,589		
Total noninterest expense	3,988,020	3,739,842		
Income before income taxes	748,688	1,353,67		
Income tax expense	(177,455)	(313,94		
Net income	<u>\$ 571,233</u>	\$ 1,039,72		

## Equitable Financial Corp.

Selected Financial Data - Quarterly Trend

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(Dollars in thousands, except per share amounts and percentages)

	Quarter Ended Fiscal Year June 30, 2024 2023 2024 2022																
	Se	ptember 30		June 30		March 31	-	cember 31	Se	eptember 30		June 30		March 31	 ecember 31	Ser	otember 30
Selected Financial Data																	
For the period:																	
Interest income	\$	6,153	\$	5,714	\$	5,422	\$	5,406	\$	4,771	\$	4,101	\$	3,772	\$ 3,748	\$	5,102
Interest expense	\$	2,796	\$	2,295	\$	1,860	\$	1,370	\$	697	\$	428	\$	389	\$ 398	\$	449
Net interest income	\$	3,357	\$	3,419		3,562		4,036		4,074	\$	3,673	\$	3,383	3,350		4,653
Provision for loan losses	\$	(115)	\$	209		(117)	\$	175		200	\$	272		89	\$ 149	\$	114
Noninterest income	\$	1,264	\$	1,278	\$	1,129	\$	1,183	\$	1,220	\$	1,669	\$	1,451	\$ 1,584	\$	1,353
Noninterest expense	\$	3,988	\$	3,713	\$	3,538	\$	3,774	\$	3,740	\$	3,460	\$	3,522	\$ 3,818	•	3,739
Income tax expense	\$	177	\$	108	\$	364	\$	295	\$	314	\$	357	\$	255	\$ 235	\$	515
Net income	\$	571	\$	667	\$	906	\$	975	\$	1,040	\$	1,253	\$	968	\$ 732	\$	1,638
Period-end:																	
Loans (net of deferred origination costs and ALLL)	\$	420,323	\$	419,721	\$	408,850	\$	431,296	\$	413,951	\$	389,757	\$	361,842	\$ 362,120	\$	339,922
Assets	\$	492,816	\$	481,049	\$	472,127	\$	494,270	\$	478,270	\$	454,828	\$	456,667	\$ 434,842	\$	431,985
Deposits	\$	427,165	\$	412,270	\$	414,409	\$	418,618	\$	402,703	\$	396,158	\$	396,777	\$ 375,867	\$	374,098
Shareholders' equity	\$	45,692	\$	44,979	\$	44,355	\$	43,488	\$	42,592	\$	42,410	\$	41,743	\$ 41,387	\$	40,982
Profitability Statistics																	
Return on average assets		0.47%		0.56%		0.75%		0.80%		0.89%		1.10%		0.87%	0.68%		1.53%
Return on average shareholders' equity		5.04%		5.97%		8.25%		9.06%		9.79%		11.91%		9.32%	7.11%		16.23%
Average shareholders' equity to average assets		9.31%		9.37%		9.09%		8.85%		9.11%		9.23%		9.32%	 9.50%		9.45%
Common Stock Statistics																	
Common shares outstanding		2,657,740		2,666,305		2,678,582		2,698,838		2,714,438		2,753,047		2,769,047	2,771,884		2,791,914
Book value per common share	\$	17.19	\$	16.87	\$	16.56	\$	16.11	\$	15.69	\$	15.40	\$	15.07	\$ 14.93	\$	14.68
Earnings per common share	\$	0.21	\$	0.25	\$	0.34	\$	0.36	\$	0.38	\$	0.46	\$	0.35	\$ 0.26	\$	0.59
Cash dividends declared per common share	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$ -	\$	-
Dividend payout ratio		0.00%		0.00%		0.00%		0.00%		0.00%		0.00%	·	0.00%	 0.00%		0.00%
Regulatory Capital Ratios (Bank)																	
Total Capital		12.9%		12.7%		12.7%		11.7%		12.4%		12.3%		12.8%	12.3%		12.6%
Common equity Tier 1 capital		11.6%		11.4%		11.4%		10.4%		11.1%		11.1%		11.5%	11.1%		11.3%
Tier 1 capital (to risk-weighted assets)		11.6%		11.4%		11.4%		10.4%		11.1%		11.1%		11.5%	11.1%		11.3%
Tier 1 capital (to adjusted total assets)		9.3%		9.4%		9.2%		8.8%		9.6%		9.5%		9.2%	9.1%		9.0%
		5.570		5.470		5.270		0.070		5.670		5.570		5.270	5.170		5.070