

# **Notice of Special Meeting of the Members on Proposal to Merge with Holyoke Postal Credit Union**

On November 15, 2021 the Board of Directors of your credit union approved a proposition to merge with Holyoke Postal Credit Union. You are encouraged to attend a special meeting of your credit union at Holyoke Credit Union, 490 Westfield Road, Holyoke on Tuesday, June 21, 2022 at 3:00pm.

## **Purpose of the Meeting**

The meeting has two purposes:

1. To consider and act upon a proposal to merge with Holyoke Postal Credit Union, the merging credit union.
2. To approve the action of the Board of Directors of our credit union in authorizing the officers of the credit union, subject to member approval, to carry out the proposed merger.

If this merger is approved, Holyoke Postal Credit Union will transfer all its assets and liabilities to Holyoke Credit Union, the continuing credit union.

## **Other Information Related to the Proposed Merger**

The directors of the participating credit unions carefully analyzed the assets and liabilities of the participating credit unions and appraised each credit union's share values.

The directors of the participating credit unions have concluded that the proposed merger is desirable for the following reasons:

The merger of Holyoke Postal Credit Union ("HPCU") with and into Holyoke Credit Union ("HCU") is a means to add value for the current members of HPCU by providing access to high-cost remote delivery channels and an expanded array of products and services.

Member value will be enhanced for the members of both HCU and HPCU by offering better loan rates and better share rates. Through economies of scale a larger credit union will enjoy a strong operating expense advantage. The directors of the combined credit union will use this operating expense advantage to offer better loan rates, better share rates, and lower service fees to the membership. The design of this merger is to produce a stronger credit union better able to serve its members.

The merger must have the approval of a majority of the members present at the special meeting of the members called for the purpose of considering the merger.

The merger must be similarly approved by a majority of the members of Holyoke Postal Credit Union present at a special meeting of the members called for the purpose of considering the merger.

Further, completion of the proposed merger is subject to receipt of all approvals and consents required to complete the transactions contemplated by the Consolidation Agreement from (i) the Massachusetts Division of Banks and (ii) the National Credit Union Administration.

The Consolidation Agreement is available for inspection at the office of Holyoke Credit Union.

**BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS:**



Michael E. Murphy

President and Chief Executive Officer

Holyoke Credit Union

November 15, 2021

Date