To Whom in May Concern:

This is a letter of support for the proposed merger of SunTrust and BB&T. Both organizations are valued partners of United Way of Marion County. Over the years, they have both contributed time, talent and resources to help make Marion County a better place to live no just for some but for all.

SunTrust has been a significant partner of the United Way of Marion County, contributing more than \$700,000 since our partnership begin in 1997. They hold yearly employee giving campaigns, sponsor local events including the City of Ocala's United Way Day, and have allocated an unrestricted corporate gift annually. This year was particularly successful as we held employee huddles at each of SunTrust's eight Marion County branches. These presentations not only helped to educate employees about United Way, but about the services we offer and support in the community. Many of the employees were also interested in volunteer opportunities, which we are excited to help provide.

BB&T has contributed over \$29,000 since our partnership began here locally in 1999. Since then, they have held yearly employee giving campaigns and contributed volunteer hours.

We believe that with these banks combing their efforts, and continuing to place an importance on community prosperity, they can benefit our community as one entity.

Thank you,

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