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**Skyward Credit Union Announces Merger with Universal Credit Union in Independence, KS**

Independence, KS, July 15, 2022 -- Skyward Credit Union is pleased to announce a merger with Universal Credit Union, located at 117 S 8th St, in Independence, KS. The Universal Credit Union board selected Skyward Credit Union as the top choice for uniting with a full-service financial institution. With 25 years of operations at Textron Aviation in Independence, Skyward Credit Union has become an integral part of the community, offering deposit and loan products. With this merger, service to members will be more accessible and convenient.

“Skyward has numerous products and services to offer, such as high interest checking, online and mobile banking, video banking, IRAs, mortgages, auto loans, signature loans and lines of credit,” said Lisa Reed, Branch Manager. “We are excited to be able to serve our new members from Universal Credit Union, as well as our existing members, with extended hours of service. Hours of operation are now 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and 1:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. In addition, in April of 2020, we deployed a full-service ATM at 2801 W Main, in the Cornerstone Shopping Center. Our mission is serving the community and to be the preferred financial institution of our members by providing exceptional products and services while exceeding their expectations.”

Additionally, Skyward Credit Union has obtained land to build a new branch office on the west side of Independence and look forward to many years of service and growth in the area.

About Skyward Credit Union

Founded in 1941, Skyward Credit Union serves the employees and retirees of Textron Aviation, their family members, as well as persons residing in or employed in Montgomery, Wilson, Labette, and Chautauqua counties in southeast Kansas. Skyward has over \$400 million in assets, serving over 18,000 members nationwide, with offices in Wichita and Independence, Kansas.

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