



**August 31, 2018**

To our members:

We, as your elected Board of Directors, are extremely pleased and excited to announce the proposition of a merger with neighboring Tolna Credit Union. The Boards of Directors from both credit unions have mutually agreed that this partnership is a terrific opportunity to create more value for our combined membership.

We would like to explain why we are proposing this merger, which will have to be approved by the state and federal regulators and by a majority vote of the members of both credit unions. Tolna Credit Union is a \$1.4M credit union with 1 location and 211 members. This merger would allow us to ensure that those living in a 75-mile radius of Tolna continue to have affordable financial options and would allow us to reach out to more potential members.

### **What are the benefits of a merger between Tolna Credit Union and North Star Community Credit Union?**

- **Serve the Underserved:** A pillar of the Credit Union Philosophy is to serve the underserved. This merger will allow us to offer a full-service financial alternative to a large demographic without many current options.
- **Expanded Field of Membership:** this merger will allow us to expand our existing field of membership to include key markets for future expansion.

### **What are next steps?**

The Board of Directors and Management Teams of both organizations will complete the due diligence process. Upon the completion of successful due diligence, we will seek regulatory approval and an affirmative membership vote from both membership groups before moving forward with the merger. A Special Meeting Notice was mailed out to all voting members with details of the meeting to be held on September 20<sup>th</sup>, 2018. All votes must be cast at this special meeting.

We value you as our member and are committed to keeping you up-to-date on the progress of the partnership as it continues to develop. You may go to our website – [www.northstarccu.com](http://www.northstarccu.com) or stop by a branch for the latest updates.

If we move forward with the merger after the necessary approvals are in place, rest assured that you will **receive the same exemplary service from the same great employees** you have come to know from North Star Community Credit Union.

Sincerely,

Michael Black, Chairperson of the Board of Directors  
North Star Community Credit Union

Bob Herrington, President/CEO  
North Star Community Credit Union