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NDBF ISSUES ADVISORIES ON CRYPTOCURRENCIES AND ICOS

June 8, 2018 (LINCOLN, NEB.) — The Nebraska Department of Banking and Finance (NDBF) reminds investors to be cautious when investing in cryptocurrencies and initial coin offerings (ICOs). Recent enforcement actions by federal and other state regulators against ICOs and cryptocurrency-related investment products show that fraudulent activity involving these products poses a significant threat to Main Street investors.

"Fraudulent activity harms investors and legitimate businesses interested in taking advantage of the new technology. We urge investors to approach initial coin offerings or cryptocurrency-related investment product with extreme caution," NDBF Deputy Director Claire McHenry said.

To help investors understand the risks associated with investing in ICOs and cryptocurrency-related investment products, NDBF issued two new Informed Investor Advisories, "What to Know About ICOs" and "Be Cautious of the Crypto Investment Craze."

More information about the laws governing the securities industry in Nebraska can be found on NDBF's website at www.ndbf.nebraska.gov. If you have questions about any investment matter, call NDBF's Consumer Hotline toll free at (877) 471-3445 in Nebraska, or (402) 471-3445 if you are out of state.

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