PRIVATE BANCORP OF AMERICA, INC. ANNOUNCES APPOINTMENT OF NEW TRANSFER AGENT

La Jolla, CA – GlobeNewswire – December 15, 2016 – Private Bancorp of America, Inc. (OTCQB:PBAM)

Private Bancorp of America, Inc. (the "Company") announces the appointment of Broadridge Corporate Issuer Solutions, Inc. ("Broadridge") as the transfer agent and registrar for the Company's stock. In this capacity, Broadridge will manage all stock registry requests for shareholders, including changes of address, replacement of lost and stolen certificates, and transfer of shares. Previously, Broadridge administered the Company's Annual Meeting process and will continue in that role. The announced change consolidates all shareholder-related services with Broadridge.

The appointment of Broadridge as transfer agent and registrar is effective December 16, 2016.

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San Diego Private Bank is a wholly owned subsidiary of Private Bancorp of America, Inc. San Diego Private Bank is an independent community bank headquartered in Coronado, Calif. and was organized in 2006. More information about San Diego Private Bank may be obtained at www.sandiegoprivatebank.net.