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By Electronic Mail

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Division of Corporation Finance  
U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission  
100 F Street, N.E.  
Washington, D.C. 20549

Division of Corporation Finance:

This is to certify that on February 9, 2021 The Nasdaq Stock Market (the "Exchange") received from Washington Federal, Inc. (the "Registrant") a copy of the Registrant's application on Form 8-A 12(b) for the registration of the following securities:

Depository Shares, Each Representing a 1/40th Interest  
in a Share of 4.875% Fixed Rate Non-Cumulative  
Perpetual Preferred Stock, Series A

We further certify that the securities described above have been approved by the Exchange for listing and registration upon official notice of issuance.

We understand that the Registrant is seeking immediate acceleration of the effective date of registration, and we hereby join in such request.

Sincerely,

