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Dear Ms. Peters:

This is to certify that on December 28, 2007 The Nasdaq Stock Market (the "Exchange") received from MERIDIAN INTERSTATE BANCORP, INC. (the "Registrant") a copy of the Registrant's application on Form 8-A 12(b) for the registration of the following security:

COMMON STOCK, NO PAR VALUE PER SHARE

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

We understand that the Registrant is seeking effectiveness of the Form 8-A 12(b) concurrently with effectiveness of its 1933 Act Registration Statement, and we hereby join in such request.

Sincerely,

Gary Sundick

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