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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

**FOOD MARKETING INSTITUTE ELECTS JOHNNY BASHA  
TO ITS NATIONAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**PHOENIX – JUNE 3, 2005** – The Food Marketing Institute recently elected Johnny Basha, vice chairman of the board of Bashas' Inc., to serve a three-year term on its National Board of Directors. Basha joins 80 food industry leaders from across the country responsible for providing leadership and support for grocery retailers and wholesalers so they can work effectively with government, suppliers, employees, customers and their communities.

"FMI is honored to have an industry leader such as Johnny Basha serve on our board," said Tim Hammonds, president and CEO of the Washington, D.C.-based Food Marketing Institute. "We rely upon our board members to ensure a vigorous, economically healthy food industry."

Johnny Basha has worked with Bashas' Inc. since 1984. His current responsibilities at Bashas' include overseeing development and acquisitions as well as working on the board of directors and the executive and capital committees.

"The food industry is fast-paced, and constantly changing," said Johnny Basha. "I look forward to working with grocery retailers across the country in their efforts to remain on the cutting edge of new developments."

Basha currently serves on the Board of Directors for Hospice of the Valley and National LifeTeen. In addition, he has been invited to serve on the State of Arizona 9-11 Commission by Gov. Janet Napolitano, the Catholic Diocese of Phoenix Finance Council by Bishop Thomas Olmsted, and the Healthier Phoenix Initiative Ad-Hoc Committee by Phoenix Mayor Phil Gordon.

**About Food Marketing Institute**

FMI conducts programs in research, education, industry relations and public affairs on behalf of its 1,500 member companies – food retailers and wholesalers – in the United States and around the world. FMI's U.S. members operate approximately 26,000 retail food stores with a combined annual sales volume of \$340 billion – three-quarters of all food retail store sales in the country. FMI's retail membership is composed of large multi-store chains, regional firms and independent supermarkets. Its international membership includes 200 companies from 50 countries. For more information, visit [www.fmi.org](http://www.fmi.org).

**About Bashas' Inc.**

Bashas' Family of Stores was founded in 1932 by brothers Ike and Eddie Basha, Sr. It is the largest family-owned supermarket in Arizona and the 3<sup>rd</sup> largest employer in the state. Bashas' is the 15<sup>th</sup> largest privately-held supermarket chain in the nation. For more information, visit [www.bashas.com](http://www.bashas.com).