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Summit State Bank Welcomes Tara Johnson as Vice President and Director of Branch Operations and Business Development

Santa Rosa, CA – (May 14, 2019) – Summit State Bank (NASDAQ: SSBI) welcomes Tara Johnson as their new Vice President and Director of Branch Operations and Business Development.

“We welcome Tara as a valuable addition to the Summit team. Her knowledge, leadership skills and strong sense of community is an added bonus to her operations and business development experience she brings with her to Summit, Tara was recently recognized for her leadership by the North Bay Business Journal as a 40 Under 40 award recipient. We are very excited about having her expertise and leadership to support our commitment to grow,” said Jim Brush, President and CEO of Summit State Bank.

Tara has more than 10 years of branch banking experience in community banking, and most recently opened a new branch office in a new market for Bank of Marin. She earned a B.S. in Business Administration with a concentration in Marketing from San Francisco State University. Tara is actively involved within Sonoma County and has volunteered to assist with the Healdsburg Museum’s annual fundraiser for several years. Tara enjoys spending time with her family and close friends.

About Summit State Bank

Summit State Bank, a local community bank, has total assets of \$626 million and total equity of \$63 million at March 31, 2019. Headquartered in Sonoma County, the Bank specializes in providing exceptional customer service and customized financial solutions to aid in the success of local small businesses and nonprofits throughout Sonoma County.

Summit State Bank is committed to embracing the diverse backgrounds, cultures and talents of its employees to create high performance and support the evolving needs of its customers and community it serves. At the center of diversity is inclusion, collaboration, and a shared vision for delivering superior service and results for shareholders. Presently, 82% of management are women and minorities with 60% represented on the Executive Management Team. Through the engagement of its team, Summit State Bank has received many esteemed awards including: Best Business Bank, Corporate Philanthropy Award and Best Places to Work in the North Bay.

Summit State Bank’s stock is traded on the Nasdaq Global Market under the symbol SSBI. Further information can be found at www.summitstatebank.com.

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