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Mary Celestre Elected Board Director of Petaluma People Services Center

Petaluma, CA – (October 13, 2009) – Mary Celestre, Petaluma Branch Manager and AVP of Summit State Bank, has been elected to the Board of Directors for Petaluma People Services Center. Since the year 2000, Ms. Celestre has volunteered and participated in Petaluma People Services Center’s annual “Wild Rose Golf Tournament” and “Rock ‘N’ Bowl” events.

With over 30 years of banking experience in Marin and Sonoma Counties and bilingual Spanish skills, Ms. Celestre has an in-depth understanding of the local business community. As a Petaluma resident for the past nine years, Ms. Celestre also participates in other philanthropic activities in the community, including the Petaluma Valley Rotary, Petaluma Chamber of Commerce and Junior Achievement. She also served on the Board of Directors for the El Nido Teen Center for four years.

The goal of Petaluma People Services Center is to reduce poverty, physical and mental abuse, chemical dependence, violence, ignorance, isolation and mental illness among children, adults, families and seniors. They are a community of caregivers existing within the larger community whose sole purpose is to help make people’s lives better.

About Summit State Bank: Summit State Bank has total assets of \$356 million and total equity of \$56 million at June 30, 2009. Headquartered in Sonoma County, the Bank provides diverse financial products and services throughout Sonoma, Napa, San Francisco, and Marin Counties. Summit State Bank has received Bauer Financial’s highest bank rating of 5-Star Superior, and its 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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