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Summit State Bank Promotes Mary Celestre to Petaluma Branch Manager

Petaluma, CA – (April 1, 2009) – Summit State Bank (NASDAQ: SSBI), Sonoma County's top rated bank, names Mary Celestre as Branch Manager for its Petaluma location.

Since coming to Summit State Bank in July 2008, Ms. Celestre has played a significant role in the growth of its Petaluma Branch as Assistant Branch Manager. Ms. Celestre previously held branch manager positions at Sonoma National Bank in Petaluma and Bank of Marin's San Rafael Branch. With over 30 years of experience in Marin and Sonoma Counties and bilingual Spanish skills, Ms. Celestre brings an in-depth understanding of the local business community.

Having been a Petaluma resident for nine years, Mary Celestre is also active in the community. Her long list of philanthropic activities includes the Petaluma 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.

Summit State Bank has total assets of \$364 million and total equity of \$56 million at December 31, 2008. Headquartered in Sonoma County, the Bank provides diverse financial products and services throughout Sonoma, Napa, San Francisco, and Marin Counties. In 2008 and again in 2009, Summit State Bank received the industry's top rating of 5-Star Superior from Bauer Financial. 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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