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Kim August and Kevin Gross promoted to Senior Vice President and Senior Relationship Manager

Santa Rosa, CA – (January 15, 2016) – Summit State Bank (NASDAQ: SSBI) is pleased to announce the promotion of Kim August and Kevin Gross to Senior Vice President and Senior Relationship Manager.

"Kim and Kevin have played a significant role in managing and attracting business lending relationships. Kevin joined Summit State Bank in 2011 and Kim in 2013. Both brought an extensive lending background almost exclusively as commercial lenders for community banks – most of which have been in Sonoma County. Kim has over 28 years of community banking experience and Kevin has 24. Their extensive knowledge with small businesses, agriculture and winery and vineyard lending is valuable in providing exceptional service to our customers," states Tom Duryea, President and CEO of Summit State Bank.

Kim graduated with a Bachelor's degree in Finance with a minor in Computer Science, as well as an MBA from CSU Sacramento. In addition, she graduated from the Pacific Coast Banking School at the University of Washington. Kim was born in Sebastopol and has lived in Sonoma County her whole life. In her free time, Kim enjoys spending time with her three adult children and her grandson.

Kevin grew up in Santa Rosa and graduated with a Bachelor's degree from UC Davis. He has three young adult children and an adopted rescue dog. He enjoys playing city league softball and is proud to live in "one of the most beautiful places on earth."

About Summit State Bank

Summit State Bank, a community bank, has total assets of \$506 million and total equity of \$57 million at September 30, 2015. 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, Napa, San Francisco, and Marin Counties.

Summit State Bank's workforce resembles the diverse community it serves. Balanced with ethnicity, race and gender, 80 percent of the workforce are female with 83 percent of management positions held by females. 50 percent of the Executive Management Team is also female. Through the inclusion and engagement of its workforce, Summit State Bank has been rewarded for its accomplishments by receiving many prestigious and industry awards.







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