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Summit State Bank Welcomes Kathy Pinkard as Senior Vice President and Loan Administrator

Santa Rosa, CA – (November 15, 2017) – Summit State Bank (NASDAQ: SSBI) has appointed Kathy Pinkard as their new Senior Vice President and Loan Administrator. Kathy brings over 37 years of community banking experience to her role.

“We are pleased to welcome Kathy Pinkard as our new Senior Vice President and Loan Administrator. Kathy has over 37 years of community banking experience and her extensive knowledge of the lending function makes her well-suited for this newly created position. We have increased our lending staff and are well prepared to meet the strong loan demand with enthusiasm,” said Jim Brush, President and CEO of Summit State Bank.

Kathy was the founding executive at Santa Rosa based First Community Bank and prior to that the President and Chief Executive Officer at North Coast Bank. Kathy lives in Petaluma with her husband Mark.

About Summit State Bank

Summit State Bank, a local community bank, has total assets of \$539 million and total equity of \$60 million at September 30, 2017. 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, 78% of management are women and minorities with 40% represented on the Executive Management Team. Through the engagement of its team, Summit State Bank has received many esteemed awards to include: Best Business Bank, Best Company to do Business with in Sonoma County, 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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