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### **Summit State Bank Recognized as a Top Corporate Philanthropist in the North Bay**

**Santa Rosa, CA** – (March 26, 2015) – Summit State Bank (NASDAQ: SSBI) received recognition as one of the Top 22 Corporate Philanthropists in the North Bay by the North Bay Business Journal. The award recognizes those companies that give back through innovative programs and strong commitment by its team members to make discernible and lasting differences in the communities they serve.

Summit State Bank is a leader in Sonoma County for nonprofit and philanthropic support, engaging in a robust volunteer effort, and offering many programs that allow for intangible forms of nonprofit assistance. Summit donated 4% of their net profit in 2014. In addition to annual donations, Summit partners with its customers by co-advertising, allowing them to display information about their business or organization in their lobbies, sponsoring events, making business introductions and extending an invitation to attend an educational or community event.

“At Summit, we believe in our charter, ‘To Do for the Greater Good of the Community,’” says Tom Duryea, president and CEO. “Supporting our community is an integral part of who we are. We offer financial support, volunteer hours, our Summit Day of Service, and Employee Sponsorship Program. We empower our employees to be engaged and supportive of our community in whatever way best speaks to them.”

Summit State Bank also creates unique giving and fundraising programs, like their *Nonprofit Partner Donation Program* and *It’s a Wonderful Life in Sonoma County* giving campaign.

In addition to this local award, Summit State Bank was again named to the Top 75 Corporate Philanthropists list by the *San Francisco Business Times*. Summit was one of only two Sonoma County-based organization to be recognized and was among some of the SF Bay Area’s largest, recognizable and most profitable companies, including Google, Oracle, and Salesforce.com.

### **About Summit State Bank**

Summit State Bank has total assets of \$460 million and total equity of \$68 million at December 31, 2014. Headquartered in Sonoma County, the Bank provides diverse financial products and services throughout

Sonoma, Napa, San Francisco, and Marin Counties. In addition, Summit State Bank received the 2013 Rising Star Award from the California Independent Bankers, the 2012 Community Bank Award from the American Bankers Association for its nonprofit work, and has been recognized as one of the North Bay's Best Places to Work by the North Bay Business Journal. Summit has also been consistently recognized as a high performing bank by Findley Reports. 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](http://www.summitstatebank.com).

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