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## **Summit State Bank Welcomes Emily Crandall Harrington as Branch Manager**

**Santa Rosa, CA** – (June 5, 2012) – Summit State Bank (NASDAQ: SSBI) welcomes Emily Crandall Harrington as their new Branch Manager at its Montgomery Village branch.

"We welcome Emily as branch manager for our Montgomery Village branch. Her leadership, strong customer service commitment, and strong sense of community will be great additions to our Montgomery Village team," says Tom Duryea, president and chief executive officer of Summit State Bank.

Emily received her Bachelor of Arts from the University of California, Santa Barbara. She has worked in the financial industry for six years and has gained a strong understanding of the importance of community banking. "Sonoma County businesses and residents that partner with a local community bank like Summit play an integral part in the success of our community and in the strengthening of the local economy," she says.

Emily recently joined the Board of Directors of Girls on the Run, Sonoma County. She enjoys spending time with her family, traveling, cooking, volunteering, swimming, and going to the beach.

Summit State Bank has total assets of \$407 million and total equity of \$60 million at March 31, 2012. Headquartered in Sonoma County, the Bank provides diverse financial products and services throughout Sonoma, Napa, San Francisco, and Marin Counties. Summit State Bank is a Top Performing Bank, earning the highest Findley Reports designation of all Sonoma County-based banks. Summit State Bank received the 2012 Community Bank Award from the American Bankers Association. In addition, Summit has been recognized with the Gold Medal award for Best Business Bank from the Northbay Biz Magazine and as one of the North Bay's Best Places to Work by the North Bay Business Journal. 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.