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### **Linda Bertauche recognized as a Women in Business Award Recipient**

**Healdsburg, CA** – (May 19, 2015) – Linda Bertauche, Senior Vice President and Chief Operating Officer of Summit State Bank, has been selected as one of the 2015 Women in Business Award recipients by the North Bay Business Journal.

“We are delighted that Linda has been selected as one of this year’s top Women in Business. This is truly an honor. Linda is among the most outstanding female leaders, innovators and visionaries in the North Bay,” said Tom Duryea, president and CEO of Summit State Bank.

Linda has held leadership positions for most of her 35 years of banking experience in Sonoma and Marin Counties. She spent 19 years at National Bank of the Redwoods, ultimately assuming the role of Senior Vice President of Operations, and has also held management positions at Sonoma National Bank and Bank of Marin/Westamerica Bank. Linda attended UC Berkley and Dominican College, and is a graduate of Pacific Coast Banking School at the University of Washington in Seattle.

Linda is passionate about the community and serves on the Board of Directors as Co-Chair for the Healthcare Foundation Northern Sonoma County and participates in Healdsburg Chamber of Commerce functions. She has also served on the county-wide Business Crime Prevention Task Force in 2009 and participates in the annual Healdsburg Future Farmers of America Parade. She has participated as both a speaker and panelist in the Nonprofit Boot Camp in Sonoma County regarding the Community Reinvestment Act and protecting nonprofits from fraud and embezzlement. She has also participated as a speaker at the ElderCare Expo in Sonoma County. In addition, Linda actively participates with her family, in memory of her grandson, in the annual Histio CURE Foundation’s Yosemite Hike for a Cure to raise funds for research to find a cure for histiocytosis.

Summit State Bank, a community bank, has total assets of \$474 million and total equity of \$70 million at March 31, 2015. Headquartered in Sonoma County, the Bank specializes in providing exceptional services and solutions to aid in the success of local businesses and nonprofits throughout Sonoma, Napa, San Francisco, and Marin Counties. Summit State Bank was named Gold Medal winner for Best Company to do Business with in Sonoma County and Best Business Bank by NORTHBAY biz magazine. Additionally, the North Bay Business Journal recognized Summit as one of the North Bay’s Best Places to Work. Summit was again named to the Top 75 Corporate Philanthropists list by the San Francisco Business Times and received the Top Corporate Philanthropy Award by North Bay Business Journal. Findley Reports recognized Summit as a Super Premier Performance in 2014. In 2013, California Independent Bankers awarded Summit the Rising Star Award and in 2012 received the Community Bank Award from the American Bankers Association for its nonprofit work. 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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