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SmartStop Celebrates Winning Designs in North American Door Wrap Design Contest

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LADERA RANCH, Calif.--(BUSINESS WIRE)-- SmartStop Self Storage REIT, Inc. ("SmartStop") (NYSE:SMA), an internally managed real estate investment trust and a premier owner and operator of self-storage facilities in the United States and Canada, is thrilled to announce the winners of its North American Door Wrap Design Contest. Eleven artists have each earned a \$1,000 cash prize and the opportunity to have their original artwork featured on an exterior storage unit door at SmartStop's Ladera Ranch, California location. SmartStop expects to complete installation by June 15.

In addition, several talented artists will receive \$300 honorable mention prizes for their outstanding entries.

Congratulations to the \$1,000 prize winners:

- Jennifer Geiger – Sarasota, Florida
- Finn Rodriguez – Largo, Florida
- Mariana Thornton – Commerce City, Colorado
- Lynn Hurley – Castle Rock, Colorado
- Robert Panzer – Peoria, Arizona
- Cody Taylor – Davis, California
- Lisa Ng – Redmond, Washington
- Sergio Cuellar – Riverside, California
- Shirley P. Dutcher – Lady Lake, Florida
- Dawn Crandall – Anchorage, Alaska



- Justine Anderson – Waukesha, Wisconsin

Each of these original designs will soon transform an everyday storage unit into a vibrant celebration of artistic talent, creating an exciting new visual experience for our customers and team members.

“This contest was about more than just decorating a door—it was about giving artists across the U.S. and Canada a canvas to inspire,” said H. Michael Schwartz, Chairman and CEO of SmartStop. “We were blown away by the creativity and passion in the submissions and can’t wait for our customers to experience the results in person.”

About SmartStop Self Storage REIT, Inc. (SmartStop):

SmartStop Self Storage REIT, Inc. (“SmartStop”) (NYSE:SMA) is a self-managed REIT with a fully integrated operations team of approximately 590 self-storage professionals focused on growing the SmartStop® Self Storage brand. SmartStop, through its indirect subsidiary SmartStop REIT Advisors, LLC, also sponsors other self-storage programs. As of May 1, 2025, SmartStop has an owned or managed portfolio of 220 operating properties in 23 states, the District of Columbia, and Canada, comprising approximately 157,100 units and 17.7 million rentable square feet. SmartStop and its affiliates own or manage 41 operating self-storage properties in Canada, which total approximately 34,400 units and 3.5 million rentable square feet. Additional information regarding SmartStop is available at www.smartstopselfstorage.com

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