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### **Greene County Spotlight - Missouri Celebrates Local Government Week May 4-8**

**SPRINGFIELD, Missouri-** Your local government works for you all day, every day. Local government has a direct impact on each citizen in Greene County. Roadway maintenance, public safety, building permits and zoning, voter registration, and more are all functions of Greene County government that work together to provide the best possible service to the community.

Missouri Governor Jay Nixon has issued a proclamation designating May 4-8, 2015 as Local Government Week in the state of Missouri. This proclamation states that local governments in Missouri are closest to the people, make important decisions that affect the lives of all Missourians, include city councils, county commissions, and school boards among others, are the ultimate expression of grassroots democracy and play an essential role in the quality of life in Missouri communities.

“Local government is where people come into direct contact with their elected officials and the policies of government action.” said Harold Bengsch, Greene County Commissioner 1<sup>st</sup> District. “To that end, local government strives to work in partnership with its citizens to provide essential services that improve and sustain a desirable quality of life that benefits all.”

Greene County Commissioner 2<sup>nd</sup> District Roseann Bentley summarized the importance of this week by saying, “County governments have a huge and direct impact on all of our lives.”

A key component to enjoying our local community and taking full advantage of all it has to offer is knowing that our homes and workplaces, schools and churches are safe and secure.

“The most important function of local government is providing for the safety and welfare of our citizens,” said Bob Cirtin, Greene County Presiding Commissioner. “Public safety is a responsibility that entails protecting our neighborhoods and businesses from crime and enhances our quality of life.”

Interested in learning more about Greene County government and the services it provides? Visit [www.greencountymo.org](http://www.greencountymo.org).

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