PROCLAMATION
LOCAL GOVERNMENT WEEK

WHEREAS, local government is the backbone of our democracy and the bedrock of our political system; and a testimony to liberty, freedom and the right to elected self-government; and

WHEREAS, citizens of Missouri rely upon local governments to deliver essential community services such as clean water, police and fire protection; and

WHEREAS, the continued success of our local governments in meeting the needs of our citizens is a key element in maintaining the overall quality of life in Missouri; and

WHEREAS, the rich tapestry of local governments in Missouri is represented by thousands of hardworking citizen officials, many of whom serve without compensation; and

WHEREAS, through education and awareness, the importance of local governments can be communicated to citizens, state legislators and the news media; and

WHEREAS, recognition of local governments' accomplishments will give Cameron residents a better understanding of how essential local services are provided; and

WHEREAS, establishing an annual "Local Government Week" would focus attention on the need for strong, independent and active local government in this State and recognize the valuable contributions made by residents serving their communities in public office.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT PROCLAIMED, that the City of Cameron designates May 1st through May 7th, 2011 as

"Local Government Week"

in Cameron, Missouri to commend and thank local officials, city employees, and volunteers for their labors as unsung heroes of public service.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the City of Cameron, Clinton and DeKalb Counties, Missouri, this 2nd day of May 2011.

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Mayor Dennis M. Clark

ATTEST:

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City Clerk