



**MISSOURI FARM BUREAU THANK A FARMER
WEEK
PROCLAMATION
FEBRUARY 2-8, 2014**

WHEREAS, America's farmers and ranchers provide food that satisfies the tastes and preferences of today's consumers; and

WHEREAS, one farmer produces food and fiber for 154 people in the United States and abroad; and

WHEREAS, U. S. consumers spend approximately 10 percent of their disposable income on food each year, less than any country in the world; and

WHEREAS, America's farmers and ranchers not only provide the food we eat but also help sustain rural communities, preserve open space and wildlife habitat and protect the environment; and

WHEREAS, farming and ranching play a vital role in the economy of the country and each county in the state; and

WHEREAS, farmers are professionals in their career of providing food and fiber and work behind the scenes to provide a food supply that is abundant, affordable overall, and among the world's safest; then

Be it therefore resolved that in recognition of the efforts of farmers on behalf of consumers around the world, I Seth Barrett, Mayor of the City of Nevada, Missouri join the Vernon County Farm Bureau in honoring the agriculture producer by declaring February 2-8, 2014, Missouri Farm Bureau Thank A Farmer Week.

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ATTEST:

Seth Barrett, Mayor

Bev Baker, City Clerk