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CHAMBER PRESIDENT/CEO TO RETIRE

(St. Joseph, MO) -- The St. Joseph Chamber of Commerce announced today that Patt Lilly, long-time President/CEO of the organization will retire at the end of the year. Over two periods of employment at the Chamber, Lilly spent almost 19 years leading the organization.

"I very much enjoy my job and the people I work with on a day-to-day basis, but it is time to move on to another chapter in my life," Lilly said. "I will be forever grateful for the opportunity to work for an organization that plays such an important role in St. Joseph."

Bill Severn, Executive Vice President of NPG, currently serves as Chairman of the Board of Directors.

"We will conduct a comprehensive executive search to fill the President/CEO position. We anticipate having someone on board prior to Lilly's departure," Severn said. "The Chamber Board appreciates Patt's long tenure and dedication to the Chamber and community, and we wish him the best in his well-earned retirement."

About the Chamber:

The St. Joseph Chamber of Commerce has been the catalyst for economic growth and development in Northwest Missouri since its inception in the mid-1800s. The Chamber serves as the unified voice of business that advocates, promotes and inspires the St. Joseph area. The Chamber strives to create partnerships and promote a culture of excellence that allows the almost 1,300 Chamber members to thrive and the St. Joseph area to prosper.

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