



## Tyler M. Bender Re-Elected to ICBA Federal Delegate Board, Advocates for Community Banks Nationwide

**Press Release: Clayton, MO (September 25, 2024)**—The Independent Community Bankers of America (ICBA) today announced that Tyler M. Bender, President of Midwest Regional Bank was re-elected to the ICBA Federal Delegate Board. ICBA is the nation’s voice for community banks.

"As a community banker, I've seen firsthand the difference that local banks make in people's lives," Bender said. "Community banks are essential to building stronger, more resilient local economies, and I'm proud to be part of an organization that advocates for policies that support local businesses, families, and our entire community." In addition to helping shape and advocate ICBA's national policy positions and programs, Tyler's duties include engaging in grassroots activities in Missouri and serving as a liaison between independent community bankers and ICBA staff and leadership in Washington, D.C. He will also work to recruit new members to ICBA.

ICBA is the only national organization dedicated exclusively to promoting the interests of locally operated community banks and savings institutions. With trusted financial expertise and high-quality customer service as their hallmarks, community banks offer the best financial services option for millions of consumers, small businesses and agricultural enterprises.

"Tyler Bender is an esteemed leader within his community and a passionate advocate for the community banking industry," said ICBA Chairman Lucas White, president of The Fountain Trust Co. in Covington, Indiana. "We are fortunate to have Tyler serving as a volunteer on the ICBA Federal Delegate Board, where his wealth of experience and unique insights will continue to benefit not only our industry but also the customers and communities we proudly serve nationwide."

### **About Midwest Regional Bank**

*Midwest Regional Bank is a Missouri state-chartered full-service bank providing products and services to the retail, commercial and agricultural markets. Operating since 1894, Midwest Regional Bank has assets of over \$1 Billion and has Missouri offices in Festus, Arnold, Chesterfield, Columbia, Sunset Hills, Clayton, Kirkwood, and Otterville, MO, and lending offices in Arizona, Colorado, Florida and Texas.*

### **About ICBA**

*The Independent Community Bankers of America® has one mission: to create and promote an environment where community banks flourish. We power the potential of the nation's community banks through effective advocacy, education, and innovation.*

***As local and trusted sources of credit, America's community banks leverage their relationship-based business model and innovative offerings to channel deposits into the neighborhoods they serve, creating jobs, fostering economic prosperity, and fueling their customers' financial goals and dreams. For more information, visit ICBA's website at [icba.org](http://icba.org).***