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**Scott E. Spencer**  
President & CEO

## **STERLING BANK OPENS LITTLE ROCK ARKANSAS LOCATION**

**February 3, 2025, Poplar Bluff, MO** – President and CEO, Scott E. Spencer, announces the opening of Sterling Bank’s new full-service Arkansas location at 1811 Rahling Road, Suite 110, Little Rock, Arkansas. Spencer stated, “We are excited for the opening of our Little Rock location. Sterling Bank’s professional staff has established a tradition of state-of-the-art banking expertise in all phases of community and commercial banking and is known for being an outstanding community partner that provides generous support to worthy area causes. We believe our customers will appreciate the local banking decisions Sterling offers.”

Joining Sterling Bank with over 12 years of banking experience, Zachary Maestri has been named Vice President & Bank Manager. “I look forward to helping introduce Sterling Bank to Central Arkansas. Sterling Bank has a proven track record offering competitive banking products and services, and I’m thrilled with the opportunity to provide those banking services to Little Rock and the surrounding areas.” Maestri added.

Johnathon Welch, Arkansas President, stated, “Our expansion into central Arkansas creates an opportunity for us to showcase Sterling’s model, and we are eager to provide customers a high-quality experience in the delivery of our banking products and services. Our staff is ready to serve and play an active role in the Little Rock business community.”

The Sterling Community Board of Arkansas will serve to support the new Little Rock location along with the Northwest Arkansas locations of Fayetteville, Rogers and Bentonville. Members of the Community Board include Eric Arthur, Johnathon Welch, Dan Cheek, Alan Cole, Daniel Ellis, Cory Scott, Holland Weaver, Jordan Patterson, Jay Robbins, Phillip Roller and Hillary Shipp.

### **About Sterling Bank**

Sterling Bank is the wholly owned subsidiary of Sterling Bancshares, Inc. Sterling Bank is headquartered in Poplar Bluff, Missouri and operates 16 locations across three states: eight

throughout Southeast Missouri, two in St. Louis, one in Kansas City, four in Arkansas and one in St. Charles, Illinois.

As of December 31, 2024, Sterling Bank has assets of \$1,416,096,909 and gross loans of \$963,065,493 with \$1,697,879,124 in loans under management.

Sterling Bank offers a full array of retail and commercial products from checking accounts, savings accounts, loan products, and market rate deposit products. Sterling Bank specializes in lending for the affordable housing industry.

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