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**VETERAN-OWNED SMALL BUSINESS RECOGNIZED BY ST. CHARLES COUNTY COUNCIL**

**ST. CHARLES COUNTY, MO** – Synergy Medical, a supplier of medical-surgical equipment to more than 1,200 health systems and medical offices around the nation and abroad, was honored by the St. Charles County Council recently as part of National Small Business Week. National Small Business Week has been proclaimed by every U.S. President since 1963 to highlight the programs and services available to entrepreneurs through the U.S. Small Business Administration and other government agencies.

“Small businesses are the backbone of our community, from the boutique shops in historic St. Charles to machine shops in Wentzville,” says St. Charles County Executive Steve Ehlmann. “We are pleased to honor Synergy Medical this year as a wonderful example of how entrepreneurship is alive and well in St. Charles County.”

Founded by Jeremy Buchheit in 2005, Synergy Medical is a business graduate of the EDC Incubator and has been certified by the federal government as a “Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned Small Business.” The company now is based in Lake Saint Louis and had more than \$2.6 million in total revenues last year.

“Small businesses comprise an estimated 75 percent of all businesses in St. Charles County and account for nearly two out of three jobs in our national economy,” Ehlmann says.

For more information about Synergy Medical, call 314-805-8485 or visit [www.synergymedco.com](http://www.synergymedco.com).

For more information about the local economy or workforce and business development services, contact the St. Charles County Department of Workforce & Business Development at 636-255-6060.

**About St. Charles County:**

*Founded in 1812, St. Charles County is one of the fastest growing counties in Missouri, and the state's third largest county in both population and economic share. St. Charles County consistently ranks one of the healthiest places to live in Missouri in the County Health Rankings report published by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation and the University of Wisconsin Population Health Institute. It is home to 12 scenic county parks encompassing more than 2,800 acres with additional land under development and more in reserve for future development.*



With Synergy President Jeremy Buchheit (holding resolution) are his family and (back row from left), County Executive Steve Ehlmann, Greg Prestemon and Justin Schultz of EDC Business & Community Partners and Scott Drachnik, Director of St. Charles County Business and Workforce Development.

*With a population of 385,840, St Charles County is home to large employers including General Motors, Citi, MasterCard Worldwide and Boeing. It is ranked among the top 25 counties in the nation in high-tech job growth by the Progressive Policy Institute and consistently has the lowest unemployment rate in the Metropolitan St. Louis area.*

*St. Charles County Government employs nearly 1,100 in more than 30 departments and offices, who work to make the county an excellent place to live, work and shop. For more information, please visit [www.sccmo.org](http://www.sccmo.org).*