

Proclamation

City of St. Joseph, Missouri

ARBOR DAY

WHEREAS, in 1872, J. Sherling Morton proposed to the Nebraska Board of Agriculture that a special day be set aside for the planting of trees; and

WHEREAS, this holiday, called Arbor Day, was first observed with the planting of more than a million trees in Nebraska; and

WHEREAS, Arbor Day is now observed throughout the nation and the world; and

WHEREAS, trees can reduce the erosion of our precious topsoil by wind and water, cut heating and cooling costs, moderate the temperature, clean the air, produce life-giving oxygen, and provide habitat for wildlife; and

WHEREAS, trees are a renewable resource giving us paper, wood for our homes, fuel for our fires, and beautify our community; and

WHEREAS, trees in our city increase property values, enhance the economic vitality of business area and are a source of joy and spiritual renewal.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Ken Shearin, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of St. Joseph, do hereby proclaim this day, Friday, April 24, 2009 as **Arbor Day** in St. Joseph, Missouri.

FURTHERMORE, I urge all citizens to plant trees to gladden the heart and promote the well-being of this and future generations.

ISSUED: This 24th day of April, 2009

Ken Shearin
Mayor

