

# 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 areas and are a source of joy and spiritual renewal.

**NOW THEREFORE**, I, Bill Falkner, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of St. Joseph, do hereby proclaim this day, Friday, April 29, 2011 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 29<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2011

**Bill Falkner**

*Mayor*

