

Proclamation

City of St. Joseph, Missouri

BIG READ MONTH

WHEREAS, Reading drives home the need for literacy at every age; and

WHEREAS, Parents recognize the importance of having a strong reading skills for school and adult activities; and

WHEREAS, watching a movie based on a book one has read gives children and adults an opportunity to discuss the content, morale and social interpretation of the story.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Ken Shearin, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of St. Joseph, do hereby proclaim the month of May, 2009 as **Big Read Month** in St. Joseph, Missouri.

FURTHERMORE, I join with the Allied Arts Council, St. Joseph Public Library, Rolling Hills Consolidated Library and the St. Joseph School District to support their efforts to help revitalize the role of literary reading and to encourage everyone to read "*The Great Gatsby*" by F. Scott Fitzgerald.

ISSUED: This 4th day of May, 2009

Ken Shearin

Mayor

