

Proclamation

City of St. Joseph, Missouri

BOB SYMON HANDBALL TOURNAMENT DAYS

WHEREAS, the Bob Symon Memorial Handball Tournament, which began in 1972, honors Bob Symon who played handball at the St. Joseph YMCA three times a week for 50 years. He was jointly responsible for the construction of the first regular-size handball court at the old St. Joseph YMCA; and

WHEREAS, the tournament has garnered the reputation of being one of the best weekend tournaments and draws champions and participants from all over the country; and

WHEREAS, after a hiatus from 1986 through 2002, the Bob Symon Memorial Handball Tournament returned to the St. Joseph YMCA under the leadership of Jon G. Symon as a tribute to his father in 2003 and now the legacy continues with Scot Symon taking the reigns to continue this annual tournament.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Ken Shearin, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of St. Joseph, do hereby proclaim January 9-11, 2009 as **Bob Symon Handball Tournament Days** in St. Joseph, Missouri.

FURTHERMORE, I join with the tournament organizers, competitors and spectators to celebrate the lives of Bob Symon and Jon G. Symon and the inspiration they provided for their family, friends and handball enthusiasts as they gather to enjoy this Tournament of Champions.

ISSUED: This 11th day of January, 2009

Ken Shearin
Mayor

