

Proclamation

City of St. Joseph, Missouri

BUILDING SAFETY WEEK

WHEREAS, through our continued efforts to address critical safety issues in the built environment that affect our citizens, regardless of age or occupation, both in everyday life and in times of natural disaster, we are confident that our structures are safe and sound; and

WHEREAS, vigilant guardians – building safety and fire prevention officials, architects, engineers, builders and others in the construction industry – work year-round to ensure the safe construction of buildings where we live, learn, work and play; and

WHEREAS, the International Codes, the most widely adopted building safety and fire prevention codes in the nation, are used by most U.S. cities, counties and states; these modern building safety codes also include safeguards to protect the public from natural disasters such as hurricanes, snowstorms, tornadoes, wildland fires and earthquakes; and

WHEREAS, Building Safety Week, sponsored by the International Code Council, reminds the public about the critical role of our communities' largely unknown guardians of public safety – our local code officials – who help prevent countless fires and accidents; and

WHEREAS, this year's theme "Building Safety: Where You Live, Work and Play", encourages all Americans to raise our awareness of building safety.

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 week of May 3-9, 2009 as **Building Safety Week 2009** in St. Joseph, Missouri.

FURTHERMORE, I urge all our citizens to consider projects to improve building safety at home and in the community, and to recognize local building safety and fire prevention officials and the important role they play in public safety.

ISSUED: This 4th day of May, 2009

Ken Shearin

Mayor

