

Proclamation

City of St. Joseph, Missouri

2010 NATIONAL DAY OF COMMITMENT TO ELIMINATE RACISM

WHEREAS, from the first interracial conference in 1915 to demanding that organizations accept members without segregation or discrimination, the YWCA has long worked to achieve racial equality and justice; and

WHEREAS, racism prevents individuals from fully participating in and contributing to their community. Eliminating racism and racial discrimination will allow us to celebrate the richness of diversity; and

WHEREAS, today, hundreds of YWCA associations offer programs and services designed to eliminate racism, achieve racial justice and embrace diversity. YWCA members strive to create opportunities for women's growth, leadership and power in order to attain a common vision of peace, justice, freedom and dignity for all people.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Bill Falkner, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of St. Joseph, do hereby proclaim Friday, May 7, 2010 as **2010 National Day of Commitment to Eliminate Racism** in St. Joseph, Missouri.

FURTHERMORE, I, along with the YWCA and NAACP, urge all citizens to join in efforts to move our country closer to a stronger, more just and unified America, one that offers opportunity and fairness for all, where all people live with respect, justice and dignity.

ISSUED: This 7th day of May, 2010

Bill Falkner

Mayor

