

Proclamation

City of St. Joseph, Missouri

"DUMP THE PUMP" DAY

WHEREAS, "Dump the Pump" is a day that encourages people to ride public transportation to save money, protect the environment, decrease our dependence on foreign oil and improve the quality of life for all Americans; and

WHEREAS, people who ride public transportation can individually save, on average, more the \$9,000 per year, based on today's gas prices and the average unreserved parking rate; and collectively save 4.2 billion gallons of gasoline per year; and

WHEREAS, for every \$1 invested in public transportation, \$4 is generated in economic returns; and

WHEREAS, public transportation is an important part of the Nation's transportation system, that provides citizens with automobile travel alternatives and saves 646 million hours in travel time.

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, Thursday, June 17, 2010 as "**Dump the Pump**" Day in St. Joseph, Missouri.

FURTHERMORE, I encourage the citizens of St. Joseph, Missouri to utilize public transportation whenever possible.

ISSUED: This 17th day of June, 2010

Bill Falkner

Mayor

