

Proclamation

City of St. Joseph, Missouri

FAIR HOUSING RIGHTS MONTH

WHEREAS, April marks almost 42 years since the passage of the National Fair Housing Act providing for fair and just practices in housing; and

WHEREAS, we as citizens can join and support voluntary programs at every level in our communities and in our jobs to meet and change personal and professional attitudes that could affect this basic human right; and

WHEREAS, denial of the most basic human right, access to shelter, is a challenge that must be met; and

WHEREAS, this law makes it illegal to discriminate against any person in terms, conditions, or privileges of the sale or rental of a dwelling, or in the provision of services or facilities because of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, familial status, or handicap; and

WHEREAS, the right to freely choose a place to live is a basic human right, and the need for decent, safe, and sanitary shelter is an essential human need.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Bill Falkner, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of St. Joseph, do hereby proclaim the month of April, 2010 as **Fair Housing Rights Month** in St. Joseph, Missouri.

FURTHERMORE, I join with the citizens of this community in celebrating Fair Housing Rights by working to combat discrimination through awareness of the Fair Housing Law and the ways in which it has been applied to this community.

ISSUED: This 19th day of April, 2010

Bill Falkner

Mayor

