

Proclamation

City of St. Joseph, Missouri

JUNETEENTH CELEBRATION DAY 2009

WHEREAS, Juneteenth celebrates the ending of slavery that has since inaugurated a new era in America, upholding the principle of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness for all people; and

WHEREAS, Juneteenth commemorates African American freedom and looks to encourage the freedom of everyone, from political, racial, religious and social bondage; and

WHEREAS, the motto "We Are Family" stresses that Americans of all colors, creeds, cultures, religions and nationalities share in a common love and respect for "freedom", as well as a determination to protect their right to freedom; and

WHEREAS, Juneteenth celebrates freedom and acknowledges the amazing achievements of African Americans, while helping to unify the nation as a whole.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Ken Shearin, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of St. Joseph, do hereby proclaim Saturday, June 13, 2009 as **Juneteenth Celebration Day 2009** in St. Joseph, Missouri.

FURTHERMORE, I, along with the citizens of St. Joseph, join together to celebrate with all races, nationalities and religions across the nation and to acknowledge a part of our history that shaped this country and continue to influence society today.

ISSUED: This 12th day of June, 2009

Ken Shearin

Mayor

