

Proclamation

City of St. Joseph, Missouri

MEET THE BLIND MONTH

WHEREAS, the National Federation of the Blind (NFB) was founded in 1940 to end discrimination against the blind and to secure first-class citizenship for all blind persons; and

WHEREAS, today NFB, represents more than fifty thousand members across the country and continues to work to secure equal rights and opportunities for the blind; and

WHEREAS, the NFB works to change attitudes about blindness by providing information about blindness to parents, teachers, school administrators, and business, political, social, and civic leaders; and

WHEREAS, since blind people and blindness are still frequently misunderstood, the NFB has developed a public education campaign, Meet the Blind Month, to create opportunities for the citizens of St. Joseph to learn firsthand that blind people are basically like everyone else; and

WHEREAS, the NFB invites neighbors, coworkers, and classmates to join them at various Meet the Blind events throughout the month of October to learn how blind people lead full and active lives.

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 month of October, 2009 as **Meet the Blind Month** in St. Joseph, Missouri.

ISSUED: This 30th day of September, 2009

Ken Shearin

Mayor

