

# Proclamation

*City of St. Joseph, Missouri*

## MEMORIAL DAY

**WHEREAS**, the foundation of General Order 11 by General Logan in 1868 proclaims May 25<sup>th</sup> as "Decoration Day" to honor the memory of those who gave their lives in defense of freedom and has continued from more than a century; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1971 Congress designated the last Monday in May as "Memorial Day" to recognize every military person who dies in service to our nation; and

**WHEREAS**, Memorial Day is our most solemn day of remembrance; and

**WHEREAS**, today, we honor the men and women who made the Supreme sacrifice, and acknowledge and protect the ideals they died for so their sacrifice shall not be in vain.

**NOW THEREFORE**, I, Ken Shearin, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of St. Joseph, do hereby proclaim this day, Monday, May 25, 2009 as **Memorial Day** in St. Joseph, Missouri.

**FURTHERMORE**, I join with those gathered here and urge all citizens of this community to celebrate this day as a day for prayer and ceremonies showing respect for America's veterans. Let us also hold high those who are defending and protecting our country, our freedom and our way of life. We continue to pray for their safe return home.

**ISSUED:** This 25<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2009

**Ken Shearin**  
*Mayor*

