

# Proclamation

*City of St. Joseph, Missouri*

## MOTORCYCLE AWARENESS MONTH

**WHEREAS**, the month of May is traditionally the beginning of the motorcycle riding season throughout the State of Missouri; and

**WHEREAS**, Missouri has over 98,000 registered motorcycles and nearly 300,000 individuals who have a valid operator and chauffeurs license with a motorcycle endorsement; and

**WHEREAS**, motorcyclists are vulnerable to injury caused by motorists who fail to see and react appropriately to their existence in traffic; and

**WHEREAS**, the safe operation of a motorcycle requires the use of special skills developed through a combination of training and experience, the use of good judgment, and a thorough knowledge of traffic laws and licensing regulations; and

**WHEREAS**, all motorcycle organizations, clubs, dealerships, groups, and highway safety officials in our state should join together with Freedom of Road Riders, Inc., of Missouri and concerned citizens.

**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 May, 2009 as **Motorcycle Awareness Month** in St. Joseph.

**FURTHERMORE**, due to the reappearance of a large number of motorcycles on the streets and highways of the City of St. Joseph, Missouri, I urge all motorists with the challenge to "Look Twice, Save a Life".

**ISSUED:** This 24<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2009

**Ken Shearin**

*Mayor*

