

Proclamation

City of St. Joseph, Missouri

NATIONAL AMERICAN INDIAN HERITAGE MONTH

WHEREAS, the history and culture of our great nation have been significantly influenced by American Indians and indigenous peoples; and

WHEREAS, the contributions of all American Indian tribes have enhanced the foundation for freedom, prosperity and greatness of America; and

WHEREAS, their customs and traditions are respected and celebrated as part of a rich legacy throughout the United States; and

WHEREAS, Native American Awareness Week began in 1976 and was approved by President George Bush in August 1990, which designates the month of November as National American Indian Heritage Month.

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 November, 2009 as **National American Indian Heritage Month** in St. Joseph, Missouri.

FURTHERMORE, I urge the citizens of St. Joseph to join together in recognizing the contributions of the American Indian and their impact on the community through community celebrations and cultural, artistic, educational and historical activities.

ISSUED: This 30th day of October, 2009

Ken Shearin
Mayor

