

Proclamation

City of St. Joseph, Missouri

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT RECOGNITION DAY

WHEREAS, the “*National Night Out*” event is a year-long community building campaign designed to heighten crime prevention awareness; generate support and participation in local anti-crime programs; strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships and send a message to criminals to let them know that neighborhoods are organized and are fighting back; and

WHEREAS, the *National Night Out* is a community endeavor involving neighborhood organizations, such as Central Neighborhood Watch Group, Inc.; Sherwood Neighborhood Association, Inc.; MP3337 Neighborhood Watch Group, and others that encourage citizens of our community to become involved in their neighborhoods. It is also a way to raise funds for the St. Joseph Police Department K-9 Unit; and

WHEREAS, more than 34 million people in more than 15,000 communities will join forces to promote *National Night Out*; with 2009 marking the 26th Anniversary of this event.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Ken Shearin, along with Councilmember Joyce A. Starr, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of St. Joseph, do hereby proclaim Tuesday, August 4, 2009 as **National Night Out Recognition Day** in St. Joseph, Missouri.

FURTHERMORE, I, along with the entire Council, encourage the citizens of St. Joseph to continue to help make our community a safer and more enjoyable place to live, work and play.

ISSUED: This 4th day of August, 2009

Ken Shearin

Mayor

