

# Proclamation

*City of St. Joseph, Missouri*

## **NATIONAL POLICE WEEK & PEACE OFFICERS MEMORIAL DAY**

**WHEREAS**, in 1962, President John F. Kennedy designated May 15<sup>th</sup> as Peace Officers' Memorial Day and the week in which it falls as Police Week; and

**WHEREAS**, the City celebrates the accomplishments of everyone working in the law enforcement profession and appreciate the strength and courage that define individuals who elect to serve in this profession; and

**WHEREAS**, police officers, recognizing their duty to their Community, work long hours, safeguarding life and property, protecting citizens against violence, disorder, and deception and protect the weak; and

**WHEREAS**, law enforcement requires a continuing response to the demands of our ever changing society, by finding innovative ways to build more effective partnerships with the Community to solve common issues of concern.

**NOW THEREFORE**, I, Bill Falkner, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of St. Joseph, do hereby proclaim the week of May 15 – 21, 2011 as **National Police Week** and May 15<sup>th</sup> as **National Peace Officers Memorial Day** in St. Joseph, Missouri.

**FURTHERMORE**, I urge all our citizens to honor police officers, past and present, which have rendered a dedicated service to this Community and in so doing, we sustain a deep and sincere appreciation for those officers who, through their courageous deeds, have made the supreme sacrifice in safeguarding the citizens of St. Joseph, Missouri.

ISSUED: This 13<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2011

**Bill Falkner**

*Mayor*

