

Proclamation

City of St. Joseph, Missouri

NATIONAL PUBLIC HEALTH WEEK 2011

WHEREAS, the week of April 4 – 10 is National Public Health Week and the theme is “Safety is No Accident: Live Injury-Free”; and

WHEREAS, since 1995, the American Public Health Association, through its sponsorship of National Public Health Week, has educated the public, policy-makers and public health professionals about issues important to improving the public’s health; and

WHEREAS, each year, nearly 150,000 people die from injuries sustained from unintentional causes and 30 million people are injured seriously enough to go to the emergency room; and

WHEREAS, many injuries and associated costs can be proactively prevented by taking actions such as wearing a seatbelt or helmet, properly installing smoke alarms and using child safety seats, storing household chemicals in locked cabinets and educating the community about violence and maltreatment towards the vulnerable population.

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 April 4 - 10, 2011 as **National Public Health Week** in St. Joseph, Missouri.

FURTHERMORE, I call on all citizens of St. Joseph to observe this month by helping their families, friends, neighbors, co-workers and leaders to understand the importance of staying injury free.

ISSUED: This 4th day of April, 2011

Bill Falkner

Mayor

