

# Proclamation

*City of St. Joseph, Missouri*

## NATIONAL PUBLIC WORKS WEEK

**WHEREAS**, public works services provided in our community are an integral part of our citizens' health, safety and comfort; and

**WHEREAS**, the support of an understanding and informed citizenry is vital to the efficient operation of public works systems and programs such as aviation, sewers, streets and highways, solid waste disposal, engineering, and public transportation; and

**WHEREAS**, the quality and effectiveness of these facilities, as well as their planning, design, and construction, is vitally dependent upon the efforts and skill of public works officials; and

**WHEREAS**, the efficiency of the qualified and dedicated personnel who staff public works departments is materially influenced by the people's attitude and understanding of the importance of the work they perform; and

**WHEREAS**, a Public Works Open House will be hosted by the City's Water Protection Division, with participation by other Public Works division, as well as private utility companies, on Saturday, May 16<sup>th</sup>, from 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. where all members of the community can come to take tours, view equipment and learn more about the services provided by the Public Works Department.

**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 week of May 17-23, 2009 as **National Public Works Week** in St. Joseph, Missouri.

**FURTHERMORE**, I urge all our citizens to acquaint themselves with the issues involved in providing public works services and to recognize the contributions which public works officials make every day to our health, safety, comfort and quality of life.

**ISSUED:** This 4<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2009

**Ken Shearin**

*Mayor*

