

Proclamation

City of St. Joseph, Missouri

RED RIBBON WEEK

WHEREAS, the City of St. Joseph values the health and safety of all our citizens; and

WHEREAS, substance abuse is particularly damaging to one of our most valuable resources, our children; and

WHEREAS, substance abuse is a contributing factor in the three leading causes of death for teenagers – accidents, homicides and suicides; and

WHEREAS, it is the goal of the St. Joseph Youth Alliance, Drug Free Community Coalition and the City of St. Joseph to involve families, schools, businesses, churches, law enforcement agencies and service organizations in all aspects of creating a drug free community; and

WHEREAS, the Red Ribbon Week Campaign theme promotes family and individual responsibilities for living healthy, drug-free lifestyles.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Ken Shearin, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of St. Joseph, do hereby proclaim October 23 - 31, 2009 as **Red Ribbon Week** in St. Joseph, Missouri.

FURTHERMORE, I urge the citizens of St. Joseph to live without illegal drugs or the illegal use of legal drugs.

ISSUED: This 19th day of October, 2009

Ken Shearin
Mayor

