

Proclamation

City of St. Joseph, Missouri

SKILLSUSA WEEK

WHEREAS, February 7-13, 2010, has been designated by the national SkillsUSA Association as SkillsUSA Week; and

WHEREAS, profound economic, and technological changes, in our society are rapidly reflected in the structure and nature of work. This places new and additional responsibilities on our educational system. Career and technical education gives high school students experience in practical, meaningful applications of basic skills such as reading, writing and mathematics, thus improving the quality of their education, motivating at-risk students and giving all students leadership opportunities in their fields and in their communities; and

WHEREAS, career and technical education provides students with a school-to-careers connection and is the backbone of a strong, well-educated workforce, which fosters productivity in business and industry and contributes to our leadership in the national and international marketplace; and

WHEREAS, the ever-increasing cooperative efforts of career and technical educators, business and industry stimulate the growth and vitality of our economy and that of the entire nation by preparing graduates for career fields forecast to experience the largest and fastest growth in the next decade;

WHEREAS, SkillsUSA – a national organization for students preparing for technical, skilled, and service occupations in high schools and colleges/technical schools – prepares more than 305,000 students to be high-performance, world class workers and to be responsible Americans.

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 February 7-13, 2010 as **SkillsUSA Week** in St. Joseph, Missouri.

FURTHERMORE, I urge all its citizens to acquaint themselves with the purposes and activities of SkillsUSA and to give help and encouragement to the members who are working hard to achieve the goals that will make them outstanding skilled workers in our communities.

ISSUED: This 5th day of February, 2010

Ken Shearin

Mayor

