

Proclamation

City of St. Joseph, Missouri

STAND AGAINST RACISM DAY

WHEREAS, from the first interracial conference in 1915 to demanding that organizations accept members without segregation or discrimination, the YWCA has long worked to achieve racial equality and justice; and

WHEREAS, racism prevents individuals from fully participating in and contributing to their community. Eliminating racism and racial discrimination will allow us to celebrate the richness of diversity; and

WHEREAS, today, hundreds of YWCA associations offer programs and services designed to eliminate racism, achieve racial justice and embrace diversity. YWCA members strive to create opportunities for women's growth, leadership and power in order to attain a common vision of peace, justice, freedom and dignity for all people.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Bill Falkner, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of St. Joseph, do hereby proclaim Friday, April 29, 2011 as **Stand Against Racism Day** in St. Joseph, Missouri.

FURTHERMORE, I, along with the YWCA and NAACP, urge all citizens to join in efforts to move our country closer to a stronger, more just and unified America, one that offers opportunity and fairness for all, where all people live with respect, justice and dignity.

ISSUED: This 29th day of April, 2011

Bill Falkner

Mayor

