

Proclamation

City of St. Joseph, Missouri

UNFUNDED MANDATES AWARENESS MONTH

WHEREAS, federal mandates require cities and towns to perform duties and/or incur expenses without consideration of local circumstances, costs or ability to pay, and subject municipalities to civil or criminal penalties for noncompliance; and

WHEREAS, federal mandates require compliance regardless of other pressing local needs and priorities affecting the health, welfare and safety of municipal citizens; and

WHEREAS, excessive federal burdens on local governments force a combination of higher local taxes and fees and/or reduced local services on citizens and local taxpayers; and

WHEREAS, the existing **Environmental Protection Agency and Missouri Department of Natural Resources "Clean Water Mandate"** for storm water overflow are imposing harsh unbearable pressure on local budgets.

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 month of April, 2009 as **Unfunded Mandates Awareness Month** in St. Joseph, Missouri.

FURTHERMORE, I encourage the citizens of St. Joseph to contact the following members of the United States congressional delegation to educate them about the impact that federal mandates has on them: *US Senator Christopher "Kit" Bond, 911 Main Street, Suite 2224, Kansas City, MO 64105; US Senator Claire McCaskill, 400 E 9th Street, Suite 40 Plaza Level, Kansas City, MO 64106 and US Congressman Sam Graves, US Post Office, Room 330, 201 S 8th Street, St. Joseph, Missouri 64501*

ISSUED: This 31st day of March, 2009

Ken Shearin

Mayor

