

PROCLAMATION

- American Craft Beer Week is annually celebrated in breweries, restaurants, and beer stores by craft brewers and home brewers nationwide;
- Our local breweries continue to grow their businesses in the city of Ashland and the greater State of Jefferson;
- American craft brewers employ nearly 100,000 full- and part-time workers and annually generate more than \$3,000,000,000 in wages and benefits;
- American craft brewers support American agriculture by purchasing barley, malt, and hops grown, processed, and distributed in the United States;
- And our local breweries are actively involved in the Ashland community through philanthropy and sponsorship of community events;

NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council and Mayor, on behalf of the citizens of Ashland, hereby proclaim May 16 - 22, 2011 as

"American Craft Beer Week"

And encourage all citizens to support the goals and ideals of American Craft Beer Week, as founded by the Brewers Association, to recognize the significant contributions of our local breweries to the city of Ashland's economy and to celebrate and appreciate the accomplishments of all craft brewers through events at our local breweries.

Dated this 3rd day of May, 2011

John Stromberg, Mayor

Barbara Christensen, City Recorder