

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, public libraries are vital to the educational and cultural health of our communities, encouraging families to read together, and

WHEREAS, St. Augustine is home to Florida's first free public library, founded in 1874, and has grown into the St. Johns County Public Library System, and

WHEREAS, our Library System will host "St. Johns Reads," a community-wide event featuring the book, The Kite Runner, throughout February and early March, including book discussions, films, and food events, and

WHEREAS, the City of St. Augustine supports the efforts of our St. Johns County Public Library System, providing leadership and innovation for this event.

NOW, THEREFORE, the City Commission of the City of St. Augustine, Florida, hereby proclaims the month of February as "St. Johns Reads Month," and calls upon all our citizens to support this effort to promote reading.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of St. Augustine to be affixed this 23rd day of January in the year of our Lord two thousand and six and the four hundred and fortieth year of the founding of St. Augustine, the Nation's Oldest City.

George Gardner
Mayor