

## RED HAT DAY PROCLAMATION

*WHEREAS, the poem "Warning" by Jenny Joseph, which depicts an older woman in purple clothing with a red hat, inspired the Red Hat Society, what is now a world-wide disorganization of ladies dedicated to proving there is life and fun after 50, and*

*WHEREAS, the Red Hat Society is dedicated to greeting middle age with verve, humor and elan, accepting silliness as the comedy relief of life, while sharing a bond of affection, forged by common life experiences and a genuine enthusiasm for wherever life takes us next, and*

*WHEREAS, St. Augustine's first Red Hat chapter, Rhapsody in Red, was begun five years ago and has blossomed into numerous chapters in our region, and*

*WHEREAS, on Tuesday, April 25th, the Rhapsody in Red Chapter will join in the worldwide celebration of the founding of the Red Hat Society in 1998.*

*NOW, THEREFORE, the City Commission of the City of St. Augustine, hereby proclaims Tuesday, April 25th, 2006, as Red Hat Society Day in the City of St. Augustine, in recognition of the spirit, joy and enthusiasm - in today's organized world - of this great disorganization.*

*IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of St. Augustine to be affixed this 25<sup>th</sup> day of April 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.*

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*George Gardner  
Mayor*

