

Certificate of Recognition

WHEREAS, Pastor LaVoy & Mrs. Kelli Newton have served the St. Augustine community in their Pastorate at Lighthouse Church of God for 14 years, and

WHEREAS, under Pastor Newton 's leadership the church grown in number and in numerous ministries, including children & youth ministry, community outreach & benevolence, School of ministry, and Beacon of Hope Christian School, and

WHEREAS, Pastor Newton has been ordained as a Bishop in the Church of God, as he and Kelli continue active involvement within the Church of God, Pastor Newton serving on the Church of God Association of Christian schools and previously on the Youth & Evangelism Board, and

WHEREAS, Pastor Newton has served the greater St. Augustine community on the Steering Committee for the Chaplin program at Flagler Hospital, the St. Augustine Christian Service Center, and as Past President for the Ministerial Alliance, and

WHEREAS, Pastor & Mrs. Newton founded the Beacon of Hope Christian School, where Pastor Newton served as principal for 5 years and Mrs. Newton has been teaching since the school's beginning, and have seen an increase in enrollment from 18 students in 1999 to 207 students today, including their three sons.

NOW, THEREFORE, the City Commission of the City of St. Augustine is pleased to present its congratulations to Pastor LaVoy & Mrs. Kelli Newton in recognition of their many accomplishments in devoted service to their congregation and community

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of St. Augustine to be affixed this 8th day of June 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