

## *A Proclamation*

***WHEREAS,** St. Augustine City Clerk Martha V. 'Nell' Porter retired June 16, 2006, after serving our city for 19 years, and*

***WHEREAS,** Nell's service began in April, 1987, as recording secretary for City Clerk Paula Owens, and continued as successor to Mrs. Owens in 1999, by unanimous vote of our City Commission, and*

***WHEREAS,** throughout her distinguished career, Nell recorded and transcribed hundreds of official city board meetings, including more than 500 City Commission meetings alone, and oversaw the filing of thousands of documents critical to the records of St. Augustine, and*

***WHEREAS,** Nell has been an active member of the Florida City Clerk's Association, which has included hosting annual conferences of the association, and in addition to her city duties, was and continues to be an active part of our community, with memberships including Ancient City Baptist Church and the Sister Cities Association, and*

***WHEREAS,** her service to St. Augustine was marked by a steadfast, calming demeanor, undisturbed by the variety of challenges she faced.*

***NOW, THEREFORE,** the City Commission of the City of St. Augustine is honored to render this proclamation in recognition of **Martha V. 'Nell' Porter** for her long and faithful service in an often thankless, seldom visible but ever critical position in the government of our City.*

***IN WITNESS WHEREOF,** We have hereunto set our hands and caused the seal of the City of St. Augustine to be affixed this 24<sup>th</sup> 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.*

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*George Gardner, Mayor*

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*Susan Burk, Vice-Mayor*

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*Donald Crichlow, Commissioner*

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*Errol D. Jones, Commissioner*

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*Joseph Boles, Commissioner*