

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS; the American Business Women's Association (ABWA) will celebrate its 55th Anniversary on September 22, 2006; and

WHEREAS; the mission of the American Business Women's Association is to bring together business women of diverse backgrounds and to provide opportunities for them to help themselves and others grow personally and professionally through leadership, education, networking support, and National recognition; and

WHEREAS, ABWA's Anastasia Chapter of the City of St. Augustine sponsors local educational scholarships annually and joins with other chapters throughout the United States in providing scholarships totaling more than \$3 million per year; and

WHEREAS, approximately 57 million working women are integrally involved in determining the directions in which the private and public sectors of this country will move; and

WHEREAS, the American Business Women's Association, a national educational association of employed women, believes that the enormous efforts of today's dynamic, concerned business women deserve recognition-not only the more than 80,000 active members of the Association, but all working women.

*NOW, THEREFORE, The City Commission of the City of St. Augustine, do hereby proclaim September 22, 2006 as **AMERICAN BUSINESS WOMEN'S DAY** in St. Augustine and urge all our citizens to salute the 57 million American businesswomen for their contributions to the private and public sectors of this country.*

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I do hereby set my hand and cause the Seal of the City of St. Augustine to be affixed this 6th day of July, in the year of our Lord two thousand and six, and in the four hundred and fortieth year of the founding of St. Augustine, the Nation's Oldest City.

George Gardner, MAYOR