

## *A Proclamation*

*WHEREAS, The National Pearl Harbor Survivors Association symbolizes America's commitment to preparedness against unprovoked acts of aggression, and is dedicated to insuring that this and future generations remain cognizant of the events of December 7, 1941, and*

*WHEREAS, its motto is "Remember Pearl Harbor - Keep America Alert," reminding all Americans that "Eternal Vigilance is the Price of Peace." and*

*WHEREAS, December 7, 1941, in the words of President Franklin D. Roosevelt, "A date which will live in infamy," marked the first of one thousand three hundred and fifty one days of war that touched the lives of all who lived at that time, and*

*WHEREAS, The fabric of freedom is woven with the moral and spiritual lineage of the men and women of honor, courage and integrity, who valued something more than their own personal safety, who demonstrated their strength, their love, their courage, their commitment, their dedication, their perseverance and their devotion for this great country, and*

*WHEREAS, the year 2006 marks the 65<sup>th</sup> anniversary of that fateful day which changed the world, and our City is blessed on July 14<sup>th</sup> through July 16<sup>th</sup> to be able to honor living survivors from throughout the southeastern region of our great nation.*

*NOW, THEREFORE, the City Commission of the City of St. Augustine hereby proclaims the period of July 14<sup>th</sup> through July 16<sup>th</sup>, 2006, as Pearl Harbor Survivors Reunion Days in the City of St. Augustine, and urges all our citizens to give pause in this period, to reflect on the freedoms we enjoy as Americans, and to remember those who stood the test to preserve those freedoms.*

*IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of St. Augustine to be affixed this 14<sup>th</sup> day of July in the year of our Lord two thousand six and the four hundred and fortieth year of the founding of St. Augustine, our Nation's Oldest City.*

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*George Gardner, Mayor*