

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Our Founding Fathers did decree and establish a Constitution for the United States of America, to acquire the good fortunes associated with personal freedom for theirs and future generations; and

WHEREAS, it is vitally important that the terms, conditions and meaning of the Constitution be fully understood by all citizens, that we may uphold, protect and defend it against possible infringement; and

WHEREAS, the 219th Anniversary of the signing of our Constitution provides a momentous opportunity for all Americans to discover and recognize the accomplishments of our Forefathers, and to ponder the rights and privileges of citizenship as well as the responsibilities thereof; and

WHEREAS, We, the people of the United States of America, do enjoy the blessings of liberty, the guarantees of the Bill of Rights, equal protection of the law under our Constitution, and the freedoms derived from it; and

WHEREAS, all American citizens should observe and respect their independence as guaranteed by our Constitution with fitting ceremonies and commemorative activities during Constitution Week, September 17 through 23, as ordered and proclaimed in 1955 by the President and Congress of the United States of America.

*NOW THEREFORE, the City Commission of the City of St. Augustine, Florida, hereby proclaims September 17th through September 24th as **CONSTITUTION WEEK** in the City of St. Augustine, and urge all our citizens to pay special attention during this week to our Constitutional government and the advantage of American citizenship; and further invite every citizen and institution to join in this national commemoration.*

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of St. Augustine to be affixed this 17th day of September in the year of our Lord two thousand six; and the four hundred and forty first year of the founding of St. Augustine, the Nation's Oldest City.

George Gardner, MAYOR