

PROCLAMATION

***WHEREAS,** Ben Adams announced his retirement as St. Johns County Administrator after nine years of service to the people of St. Johns County; and*

***WHEREAS,** Ben Adams' wealth of public service experience greatly served the people of St. Johns County, and*

***WHEREAS,** Ben Adams' broad experience includes over a quarter century service to the Florida National Guard achieving the rank of Colonel and assignments as the Commanding Officer of the 107th Public Affairs Detachment for five years and of Headquarters Attachment STARC for three years, and*

***WHEREAS,** Ben Adams served the people of St. Augustine for eight years as a member of the St. Augustine Planning Commission and the people of St. Johns County for three years as a member of the St. Johns County Industrial Development Authority, and*

***WHEREAS,** Ben Adams serves his community by volunteering time to the Boy Scouts of America, the St. Augustine YMCA, Elks Lodge #829 and the United Way of St. Johns County, and*

***WHEREAS,** Ben Adams, in his near decade as St. Johns County Administrator has continued to be a friend to the people of St. Augustine and has worked diligently to seek mutually beneficial avenues of cooperation between the governments of St. Augustine and St. Johns County,*

***NOW THEREFORE,** the City Commission and all Citizens of the City of St. Augustine, hereby extend our community's gratitude to Ben Adams for his lifetime of commitment to public service, and extend to him our best wishes and congratulations on his retirement.*

***IN WITNESS WHEREOF,** I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of St. Augustine, Florida, to be affixed on this 16th day of February in the year of our Lord two thousand and seven and the four hundred and forty-first year of the founding of St. Augustine, the Nation's Oldest City.*

Joe Boles, MAYOR