

**PROCLAMATION**

*WHEREAS, sexual assault continues to be a major social crisis in our society; and*

*WHEREAS, sexual assault affects every child and adult in St. Augustine as a victim/survivor or as a family member, significant other, neighbor or co-worker of a victim/survivor; and*

*WHEREAS, Betty Griffin House Sexual Assault Recovery Program, volunteers and service providers in our community are working to provide a continuum of care to sexual assault survivors through 24-hour hotlines, counseling, support groups, advocacy, medical care and education; and*

*WHEREAS the St. Augustine community seeks to improve services for victims/survivors of sexual assault and prevent future sexual assault through public awareness and services for victims; and*

*WHEREAS, this community recognizes the vital importance of designating a time devoted to increasing the general public's awareness and support of agencies providing services to rape victims; and*

*WHEREAS, we hold forth a vision of a community free from sexual violence,*

*NOW THEREFORE, the City Commission of the City of St. Augustine, hereby proclaims the month of April as **Sexual Assault Awareness Month** in the City of St. Augustine.*

*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 26th day of April in the year of our Lord two thousand and seven, in the four hundred and fortieth first year of the founding of St. Augustine, the Nation's Oldest City.*

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*Joe Boles, MAYOR*