

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS; the Easter Festival in 1959 requested that Mrs. Eleanor Barnes research Saint Augustine's history to find historical Spanish Royals with special links to our City to participate in the annual Easter Parade; and

WHEREAS; research revealed that the City's most historic monument, Castillo de San Marcos, was commissioned in 1672 and the Spanish Royal Family during that period, symbolic of Spain's history as it overlaps with that of Saint Augustine, was chosen; and

WHEREAS; the Royal Family of that time consisted of Queen Marianna, Princess Margarita Maria and the boy-king, Carlos; and

WHEREAS; a decision was made that heritage natives, one born in Saint Augustine or whose parents were born in Saint Augustine, with ancestry that could be traced to one of Saint Augustine's earlier periods--either First Spanish, 1565-1763; British-Minorcan 1763-1783; Minorcan 1768-1783; Second Spanish, 1783-1821 or Territorial 1821-1845 would portray members of the 1972 Royal Family; and

WHEREAS; it is known that our Saint Augustine Royal Family and the Easter Festival not only promotes the history of Saint Augustine, but also Saint Augustine itself, a city rich with history and heritage, along with tourism and growth--yet provides an exceptionally high quality of life for its residents and visitors in a charming and progressive city;

NOW, THEREFORE, The City Commission of the City of Saint Augustine, Florida, does hereby proclaim that the officials and citizens of Saint Augustine, in recognition of the **50th Anniversary of the Easter Festival and Parade**, express their sincere appreciation and acknowledge the Royal Family as official representatives of the City of Saint Augustine during official City functions and during their travels to other events and festivals portraying the history and heritage of our historic Saint Augustine.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Saint Augustine to be affixed this 30th day of April in the year of our Lord two thousand and seven and the four hundred and forty first year of the founding of Saint Augustine, the Nation's Oldest City.

Joe Boles, MAYOR