

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, citizens of St. Augustine, Florida, and citizens of the Abaco Islands of the Bahama Islands enjoy historical ties which are more than two centuries old; and

WHEREAS, at the time of the cession of East Florida from Great Britain to Spain in 1784, British subjects relocated from St. Augustine to the British colony of the Bahama Islands; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of St. Augustine and the Abaco Islands wish to maintain and strengthen their historic connections and engage their youth in mutual relationships; and

WHEREAS, Bahamians have brought to St. Augustine their food and music to share in a celebration known as Junkanoo Fest.

NOW, THEREFORE, the City Commission of the City of St. Augustine hereby welcomes its Bahamian neighbors and proclaims May 19, 2007, **JUNKANOO FEST DAY**, and urges all our citizens to attend, participate and share in the rich historical ties of these communities.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Saint Augustine, Florida, to be affixed on this 19th Day of May in the year of our Lord two thousand and seven and in the four hundred and forty first year of the founding of Saint Augustine, the Nation's Oldest City.

Joe Boles, MAYOR