

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the concept of peace embraces the deepest hopes of all peoples and remains humanity's guiding inspiration; and

WHEREAS, in 1981, the United Nations proclaimed the International Day of Peace be "devoted to commemorating and strengthening the ideals of peace both within and among all nations and peoples"; and

WHEREAS, the United Nations expanded the observance of the International Day of Peace in 2001 to include the call for a day of global ceasefire and non-violence, and invited all nations and people to honor a cessation of hostilities for the duration of the Day; and

WHEREAS, there is growing support within our city for the observance of the International Day of Peace, which affirms a vision of our world at peace, and fosters cooperation between individuals, organizations and nations; and

WHEREAS, global crises impel all citizens to work toward converting humanity's noblest aspirations for world peace into a practical reality for future generations,

*NOW, THEREFORE, the City Commission of the City of St. Augustine hereby proclaims September 21, 2007, as **The International Day of Peace** in the City of St. Augustine, and urges all our citizens to commemorate, in an appropriate manner, this International Day of Peace, which may include community service projects, cultural exhibits and performances, a moment of silence, ringing of bells, and other education and public awareness activities to help establish a global day of peace in our homes, our communities and between nations.*

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Saint Augustine to be affixed this 21st day of September in the year of our Lord two thousand six and the four hundred and forty second year of the founding of Saint Augustine, the Nation's Oldest City.

Joseph L. Boles, MAYOR