

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, traffic crashes in the United States of America took 512,621 lives in the last twelve years from January 1, 1995 through December 31, 2006, including 42,642 lives in 2006, and in Florida traffic crashes claimed 36,522 souls in the last twelve years, including 3,374 souls in 2006; and

WHEREAS, traffic crashes are the leading cause of death for people ages 6 to 33; and over half of passenger vehicle occupants killed died unbuckled, and motorcycle rider fatalities now account for 11 percent of total fatalities, and 4,784 pedestrians and 773 bicyclists were killed in 2006 traffic crashes; and

WHEREAS, the Vatican published these Drivers' "Ten Commandments" in 2007; I. You shall not kill, II. The road shall be for you a means of communion between people and not of mortal harm, III. Courtesy, uprightness and prudence will help you deal with unforeseen events. IV. Be charitable and help your neighbor in need, especially victims of accidents. V. Cars shall not be for you an expression of power and domination, and an occasion of sin. VI. Charitably convince the young and not so young not to drive when they are not in a fitting condition to do so. VII. Support the families of accident victims. VIII. Bring guilty motorists and their victims together, at the appropriate time, so that they can undergo the liberating experience of forgiveness. IX. On the road, protect the more vulnerable party. X. Feel responsible towards others; and

NOW, THEREFORE, the City Commission of the City of St. Augustine does hereby proclaim Wednesday October 10, 2007 as **PUT THE BRAKES ON FATALITIES DAY** in the City of St. Augustine, Florida, and urge all citizens to renew their commitment to traffic safety.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Saint Augustine to be affixed this 10th day of October in the year of our Lord two thousand seven and the four hundred and forty second year of the founding of Saint Augustine, the Nation's Oldest City.

Joseph L. Boles, MAYOR