

*~ ~ P R O C L A M A T I O N ~ ~*

*WHEREAS, each year, one week before Thanksgiving, the National Coalition for the Homeless and the National Student Campaign Against Hunger and Homelessness co-sponsor National Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week, and*

*WHEREAS, during this week, November 11 through November 17, 2007, schools, communities and cities take part in a nationwide effort to bring greater awareness to the problems of hunger and homelessness, the effort sponsored locally by the Emergency Services and Homeless Coalition of St. Johns County, Inc., and*

*WHEREAS, a St. Johns County survey in January 2007 found 1238 homeless persons, three-quarters of them residents here for more than one year, with 81% citing employment problems as a main cause of their homelessness, and*

*WHEREAS, survey data indicates that the number of homeless people would have more than doubled without emergency assistance to prevent people from becoming homeless, and*

*WHEREAS, our community effort includes seven state and local government agencies, 55 non-profit service providers, 25 businesses and business associates, six banks, two neighborhood groups, three housing developers, 11 homeless and formerly homeless persons, nine hospital and medical services, five funders, five educational institutions, and 15 volunteers.*

*NOW, THEREFORE, The City Commission of St. Augustine, does hereby proclaim the week of November 11 through November 17, 2007 as National Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week in the City of St. Augustine, and extend our community's deep gratitude to our many service providers and urge all our citizens to learn more about the housing crisis facing our community, and to contribute whatever they can to the care and shelter of the homeless people.*

*IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and cause the Seal of the City of St. Augustine, Florida, to be affixed on this 11<sup>th</sup> day of November in the year of our Lord two thousand and seven, in the four hundred and forty-second year of the founding of St. Augustine, the Nation's Oldest City.*

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*Joe Boles, Mayor*