

PROCLAMATION

Whereas, motor vehicle crashes are the leading cause of death for adolescents and young adults in the United States; distractions being the number one reason why new drivers crash, but many of these deaths are preventable; and

Whereas, more than 5,000 teens will likely die this year on America's roads and roughly two-thirds of the teenagers killed in motor vehicle accidents in the United States each year do not use seatbelts; and

Whereas, it is recommended that teen drivers should have no passengers under the age of 21 during the first six months of their licensure, and no more than one peer passenger for the second six months; and

*Whereas, designating the third week of October as **Teen Driver Safety Week** is expected to increase awareness of these important issues among teenagers and adults in communities throughout the United States, as additional research is conducted to develop and test effective interventions that will help teenagers become safer drivers; and*

Whereas, St. Johns County Tax Collector Dennis W. Hollingsworth, as representative of the Florida Division of Driver License in our county, has coordinated, in conjunction with other local agencies, a Distracted Driving exhibit that will be held at various high schools in St. Johns County during Teen Driver Safety Week, as well as a Defensive Driving demonstration day at the law enforcement track on the First Coast Technical College campus.

*Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, that the St. Augustine City Commission does hereby designate October 19th-25th, 2008, as **National Teen Driver Safety Week** and encourage all residents to observe the week with appropriate activities that promote the practice of safe driving among the state's licensed teenage drivers.*

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of St. Augustine to be affixed this 13th day of October in the year of our Lord two thousand and eight and the four hundred and forty third year of the founding of St. Augustine, the Nation's Oldest City.

Joseph L. Boles Jr., MAYOR