

PROCLAMATION

*WHEREAS, Researches have shown that approximately 12 million adults nationwide have been literally homeless at some point in their lives, and that 700,000 people are homeless on any given night; and*

*WHEREAS, With high unemployment, the number of homeless children today is higher than at any other time since the Great Depression; and*

*WHEREAS, In St. Johns County it is estimated that at any point in time there are as many as 1,238 homeless; and*

*WHEREAS, Fifty years has passed since the Housing Act of 1949 called for a decent home and suitable living environment for every American family; and*

*WHEREAS, In the richest country in the world people are dying everyday as a result of homelessness; and*

*WHEREAS, The Emergency Services and Homeless Coalition of St. Johns County, Inc. focuses on the critical need to place housing and homeless issues more prominently on the national agenda; and*

*NOW THEREFORE, the City Commission of the City of St. Augustine does hereby proclaim the week of December 14 through December 20, 2008, as **Homelessness and Housing Awareness Week** in St Augustine 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 caused the seal of the City of St. Augustine to be affixed this 15<sup>th</sup> day of December 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.*