

*❧* PROCLAMATION *❧*

*WHEREAS, Tai Chi Day has been established to educate the public to the profound implications Tai Chi & QiGong can offer; to recognize Chinese culture for providing this powerful health science to the world; and*

*WHEREAS, Tai Chi reduces stress responses, lowering the incidence of anxiety, depression, fatigue and general mood disturbance; and*

*WHEREAS, Tai Chi minimizes the effects of chronic conditions such as allergies and asthma and improves breathing capacity; and*

*WHEREAS, the regular practice of Tai Chi can lower high blood pressure, slow the aging process, improve balance and coordination; and*

*WHEREAS, Tai Chi improves postural control, while stretching, toning and relaxing the body in a cumulative way that no other exercise can achieve while being a low weight bearing exercise that can be modified in a suitable form for even those suffering with arthritis.*

*NOW THEREFORE, the City Commission of the City of St. Augustine does hereby recognize the benefits of Tai Chi and declares April 26, 2008 as **TAI CHI DAY** in St. Augustine.*

*IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of St. Augustine to be affixed this 26th day of April in the year of our Lord two thousand and seven and the four hundred and forty second year of the founding of St. Augustine, the Nation's Oldest City.*

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*Joseph L Boles, MAYOR*

