

## PROCLAMATION

*WHEREAS, midwives have helped mothers and children prior to written history and are still important in health care; and*

*WHEREAS, midwives provide a family-centered childbirth option that has grown in response to the choice of thousands of parents; and*

*WHEREAS, midwives are dedicated to the care of pregnancy and birth and treat each woman's pregnancy according to her unique physical and personal needs; and*

*WHEREAS, midwives offer pregnancy screening, prenatal care, childbirth education and counseling to pregnant women on health needs, pregnancy-related transitions, family relations and post-partum concerns; and*

*WHEREAS, the World Health Organization has noted the impact midwifery care has on improving the infant mortality rate; and*

*WHEREAS, the goals of the Florida Friends of Midwives, the Midwives Association of Florida, the Midwives Alliance of North America and the Florida Chapter of the American College of Nurse Midwives include improving birth outcomes in the State of Florida;*

*NOW, THEREFORE, the City Commission of the City of St. Augustine, dose hereby proclaim May 5, 2008, as **INTERNATIONAL MIDWIVES DAY** in Florida and encourage all residents to join in this observance.*

*IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of St. Augustine to be affixed this 28<sup>th</sup> day of April in the year of our Lord two thousand and eight, 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