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WHEREAS, healthy individuals and healthy communities are essential elements of any strong and vibrant society; and

WHEREAS, mental health disorders and mental health problems affect people of all ages, backgrounds, and at all stages of life; and

WHEREAS, mental health problems are real and common, but it is important to remember that recovery is possible and with treatment, individuals with mental health problems can lead full and productive lives; and

WHEREAS, caring for your mind, as well as your body, is good for your overall health and it is key to success at home, at work and at school; and

WHEREAS, early detection, diagnosis and treatment of mental health problems greatly increases the likelihood of restored health; and

WHEREAS, St. Johns County's mental health providers and Health & Human Service partners are working to dispel the fears, myths and misunderstandings commonly associated with mental illness, and increase access to treatment and support services;

*NOW, THEREFORE, the City Commission of the City of St. Augustine, dose hereby proclaim the month of May 2008 as **MENTAL HEALTH MONTH** in this great City, and encourage all residents to join in increasing awareness and understanding of mental health and the treatment options available in our community for adults and children with mental illnesses.*

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of St. Augustine to be affixed this 12TH day of May 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.

Joe Boles, MAYOR