

❧ CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION ❧

WHEREAS, Since its inception in 1986 thousands of cruising enthusiasts have enjoyed crossing the Atlantic with the Atlantic Rally for ARC Cruisers and whereby understandably ARC has become synonymous with ocean sailing; and

WHEREAS, Atlantic Rally for Cruisers or ARC Europe has traditionally started in St. Augustine as the US start of this rally since the America 500 rally that traced the route of Columbus from Spain to the Americas as a 500th anniversary celebration in 1992; and

WHEREAS, The City of St. Augustine has been proud to host the visiting ARC Europe yachts, to provide ambassadors to help out the crews while they are in town and host a going away party for the yachts the night before their departure from St. Augustine on May 8, 2008 for Bermuda, the Azores, Lagos, Portugal and eventually, Plymouth in the United Kingdom; and

WHEREAS, Entries raced ahead at 150 yachts by the end of February and was set to reach the upper limit of 225 yachts by the end of April; and

WHEREAS, The ARC is special and for many cruising sailors it is the “must-do” event on their cruising calendar, whilst for others it provides the inspiration they need to help them achieve their ambitions to set off long distance cruising;

*NOW, THEREFORE, the City Commission of the City of St. Augustine hereby recognizes the accomplishments and congratulates the **ATLANTIC RALLY FOR CRUISERS** for their sense of adventure on the high seas and further extends a “Bon Voyage” for a successful 2008 cruise.*

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of St. Augustine to be affixed this 7th day of May in the year of our Lord two thousand and eight and the four hundred and forty second year of the founding of St. Augustine, the Nation’s Oldest City.

Joseph L. Boles Jr., MAYOR