

*❧ CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION ❧*

*WHEREAS, the FLORIDA TAX COLLECTORS ASSOCIATION is a united team of Tax Collectors committed to meeting the needs of their staff to serve customers effectively by sharing knowledge, experience and best-practices through mentoring and professional development to solve the challenges they face; and*

*WHEREAS, the Florida Tax Collectors Association shares a vision to be recognized as a professional association of effective public servants who are leaders in innovation and provide value to each other while demonstrating integrity, fairness, accountability, and the highest ethical standards; and*

*WHEREAS, Tax Collectors in Florida are independent constitutional officers duly elected by their fellow citizens and taxpayers in their counties of residence, who deal with a variety of duties and responsibilities and provide a myriad of important public services that allow them to exercise valuable leadership roles in government, and who direct, plan, organize, budget, set and implement policies that affect not only their local government, but also reach the state level as well; and*

*WHEREAS, the Florida Tax Collectors Association has met in St. Johns County four times to conduct its spring or fall conference activities, sharing the treasures of our county and the Nation's Oldest City with its members and other attendees; and*

*WHEREAS, the host of this year's event is the Honorable Dennis W. Hollingsworth, CFC, St. Johns County Tax Collector, a native son of our community, and a member of the Florida Tax Collectors Association who embodies its ideals of integrity, fairness, accountability and ethics.*

*OW THEREFORE, the City Commission of the City of Saint Augustine, and all Citizens of the City of St. Augustine, extend our community's hospitality in appreciation of the **FLORIDA TAX COLLECTORS ASSOCIATION'S** Service to all residents of the State of Florida, and in particular the residents of St. Augustine.*

*IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of St. Augustine, Florida, to be affixed on this 2nd day of June in the year of our Lord two thousand and eight, in the four hundred and forty-second year of the founding of St. Augustine, the Nation's Oldest City*

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*MAYOR Joseph L. Boles, Jr.*