

❧ PROCLAMATION *❧*

Whereas fighting fires is one of the most hazardous professions, requiring physical strength, stamina, extensive training, courage, and selfless concern for the welfare of our citizens, and

Whereas, in addition to their daily service to our communities, fire fighters throughout the state and across the nation have joined the **Muscular Dystrophy Association** for the past 54 years in the fight against neuromuscular diseases, and

Whereas, Florida Fire Fighters collected over \$2,657,483 in over 300 communities with their 2007 **"Fill the Boot"** campaign for MDA, again making them MDA's largest source of funding, and

Whereas, the funds collected by the St. Augustine Fire Department assist MDA in providing medical services at local clinics, summer camp, research grants, support groups, and public education seminars at no cost to local children and families, and

Whereas, in honor of the efforts of the St. Augustine Fire Fighters, the Muscular Dystrophy Association is sponsoring **"St. Augustine Fire Fighter Appreciation Week,"** and

Whereas, it is appropriate for all St. Augustine Citizens to join the Muscular Dystrophy Association in this tribute to our fire fighters.

Now, therefore, the St. Augustine City Commission does hereby proclaim August 31 through September 6, 2008 **St. Augustine Fire Fighter Appreciation Week** and commend all of St. Augustine Fire Department for their efforts on behalf of the Muscular Dystrophy Association.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of St. Augustine to be affixed this 8th day of September in the year of our Lord two thousand and eight, the four hundred and forty third year of the founding of St. Augustine, the Nation's Oldest City

Joseph L. Boles Jr., Mayor