

❧ PROCLAMATION ❧

Whereas, Florida's juvenile crime problem have ramifications far beyond the juvenile justice system and effects the health and integrity of the state's business, community, education, and family institutions; and

Whereas, after the continual increase of juvenile crime over the past ten years, in fiscal year 2001-2002 there was a three percent decrease in youth referred for delinquency in the State of Florida; and

Whereas, the St. Johns County Health & Human Services staff will work with the Department of Juvenile Justice, local businesses, law enforcement, schools, the judiciary, the faith community, and other concerned citizens on programs to prevent juvenile crime and improve youth prevention and intervention services; and

Whereas, the citizens of our community need to have a heightened awareness of juvenile justice issues.

*Now, therefore, Be it proclaimed by the City Commission of the City of Saint Augustine, Florida that April 14 through April 25, 2009, be designated as **JUVENILE JUSTICE WEEK**, and urges all citizens of this community to take part in stopping or preventing juvenile delinquency and to make a conscious effort to learn more about the programs for prevention and intervention, and further to call upon all citizens to join together in the fight against crime in our community.*

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 23rd day of March in the year of our Lord two thousand and nine, in the four hundred and forty-third year of the founding of St. Augustine, the Nation's Oldest City

MAYOR Joseph L Boles, Jr.