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WHEREAS, society owes a debt of gratitude to physicians for their contributions in enlarging the reservoir of scientific knowledge and tools; and

WHEREAS, Doctors' Day was established to honor and pay tribute to members of the medical profession everywhere and recognize their contributions and continuing dedication; and

WHEREAS, March 30th was chosen as the official day on which to celebrate Doctors' Day in honor of that date in 1842 when Dr. Crawford W. Long of Jefferson, Georgia became the first physician in history to use ether anesthesia in surgery; and

WHEREAS, physicians continue to play a very vital and significant role in the health and well-being of people residing in our city, county, state, nation and world; and

WHEREAS, society owes a debt of gratitude to physicians for the sympathy and compassion shown to the sick in alleviating human suffering.

*NOW, THEREFORE, the City Commission of the City of Saint Augustine, in recognition of this important occasion does hereby proclaim, Monday, March 30, 2009, as **DOCTORS' DAY** in the City of St. Augustine and encourage citizens to express gratitude to physicians who serve their health needs.*

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereon to set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Saint Augustine to be affixed this 23rd day of March in the year of our Lord two thousand nine and the four hundred and forty third year of the founding of Saint Augustine, the Nation's Oldest City.

Joe Boles, MAYOR