

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, St. Johns County is home to nearly 38,000 citizens aged 60 years or older; and

WHEREAS, the older Americans of St. Johns County are a vital part of our nation's demographic makeup; and

WHEREAS, older citizens are members of our community and are entitled to lead their lives free from fears, myths and misconceptions about aging; and

WHEREAS, each community in America must strive to recognize the contributions of our older citizens, understand and address their evolving needs, and support their caregivers; and

WHEREAS, the St. Johns County Council on Aging is a valued community asset that has acted as a catalyst for mobilizing the vitality and commitment of older residents who desire to live independently and with dignity and respect; and

WHEREAS, our society is dependent upon intergenerational cooperation and support, and benefits from our collective efforts to serve older Americans and the people who love them; and

WHEREAS, this year marks the 44th anniversary of the passage of the Older Americans Act by the United States Congress.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Commission of the City of St. Augustine, Florida, does hereby proclaim the month of May 2009 as **OLDER AMERICANS MONTH.**

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Saint Augustine to be affixed this 11th day of May in the year of our Lord two thousand and nine and the four hundred and forty third year of the founding of Saint Augustine, the Nation's Oldest City.

Joe Boles, Mayor