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Whereas, the woman exchange movement-began in the United States in 1832 when the Philadelphia Depository opened to provide women, who had fallen on hard times and were unable to work outside the home, a place to discretely sell handcrafted items and food delicacies; and

Whereas, The Federation of Woman Exchanges was founded on March 20, 1934 in Philadelphia to create a national network of woman exchanges to help their consignors expand their sales opportunities, and their member exchanges to mutually benefit from sharing each other's business practices; and

Whereas, the 19 woman exchanges in the Federation today in 11 states carry on that mission of helping others succeed; and

Whereas, the Federation is celebrating its 75th anniversary in St. Augustine, May 3rd-5, 2009 the national-headquarters being the Woman's Exchange of St. Augustine, home exchange of Federation president Margo Pope; and

Whereas the city of St. Augustine takes pride in its association with the Federation through its 77 year relationship with the Woman's Exchange of St. Augustine, steward of the city-owned historic Pena-Peck House.

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*Now therefore, be in resolved, that the City Commission of the City of St. Augustine, Florida, does hereby proclaim Tuesday, May 5, 2009, **FEDERATION OF WOMAN'S EXCHANGES DAY** in St. Augustine and wishes the Federation and its membership continued success in helping others achieve financial stability.*

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 3rd day of May 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.

Joe Boles, MAYOR