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WHEREAS, The nearly 2.9 million registered nurses in the United States comprise our nation's largest health care profession; and

WHEREAS, The depth and breadth of the registered nursing profession meets the different and emerging health care needs of the American population in a wide range of settings; and

WHEREAS, The American Nurses Association, as the voice for the registered nurses of this country, is working to chart a new course for a healthy nation that relies on increasing delivery of primary and preventive health care; and

WHEREAS, A renewed emphasis on primary and preventive health care will require the better utilization of all of our nation's registered nursing resources; and

WHEREAS, Professional nursing has been demonstrated to be an indispensable component in the safety and quality of care of hospitalized patients; and

WHEREAS, More qualified registered nurses will be needed in the future to meet the increasing complex needs of health care consumers in this community, and

WHEREAS, The cost-effective, safe and quality health care services provided by registered nurses will be an ever more important component of the U.S. health care delivery system in the future.

*NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved that the City Commission of the City of Saint Augustine, Florida, does hereby declare the week of May 6-12, 2009 as **NATIONAL NURSES WEEK** with the theme **NURSES: BUILDING A HEALTHY AMERICA** and ask that all residents of the City join in honoring the registered nurses who care for all of us, and celebrate registered nursing's accomplishments and efforts to improve our health care system.*

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