

*❧ P R O C L A M A T I O N ❧*

*WHEREAS, the City of St. Augustine recognizes that the Boys & Girls Clubs of Northeast Florida provides a nurturing environment for children and teenagers of all ages; and*

*WHEREAS, in St. Augustine, an increasing number of young people are left to find their own recreation and companionship in the streets or at home with no adult care or supervision, and they need to know that someone cares about them; and*

*WHEREAS, the St. Augustine Boys & Girls Club opened for the youth in West Augustine in March, 2005 and within the first six weeks of operation the Club was operating at full capacity; and*

*WHEREAS, every weekday, beginning at 3:00 p.m., the St. Augustine Boys & Girls Club opens its doors to youth between the ages of 6 to 18 who are at-risk for poverty, school failure, poor health outcomes or risky behaviors in the West Augustine community; and*

*WHEREAS, the St. Augustine Boys & Girls Club offers a lineup of tested and proven nationally recognized programs that address modern times most pressing youth issues by teaching young people the skills they need to succeed in life in the areas of the Arts, Character and Leadership, Health and Life Skills, Sports and Recreation, and Education and Career Development in hopes of raising their sights and capabilities to overcome daunting challenges and pursue excellence throughout their lives from the game room to the corporate boardroom; from the high school orchestra to Carnegie Hall, and from the Clubhouse to the White House.*

*WHEREAS, many Club alumni have achieved particular distinction in a vast variety of fields, most alumni are not famous but instead have achieved success by earning an education, raising a family, serving their country, pursuing a career and giving back to their communities.*

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the City Commission of the City of St. Augustine, Florida, does hereby proclaim the month of August 2009 as **Boys and Girls Club of St. Augustine Month.***

*IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Saint Augustine to be affixed this 10<sup>th</sup> day of August 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.*

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*Joe Boles, Mayor*