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WHEREAS, the original *Florida Association of Deputy Sheriffs* was the brainchild of W.C. Burney in 1952 establishing representation to Florida's minority law enforcement Officers ; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the organization was to establish goals to bring about a working relationship between all law enforcement officers regardless of race, creed or color; and

WHEREAS, the organization studied the ways and means of promoting the general welfare, maintaining the peace and enforcing lawful methods for the protection of life and property of Florida's Citizenry ; and

WHEREAS, awarding many scholarships to Florida students and donations to the Sickle Cell Anemia Foundation are among the many accomplishments the association has achieved over the years; and

WHEREAS, the *Florida Association of Deputy Sheriffs* has been recognized as one of the oldest law enforcement organizations in the country while proudly and quietly serving the citizens of Florida by enhancing and supporting the needs of Florida's law enforcement community.

NOW, THEREFORE, WE, The City Commission of the City of St. Augustine, Florida do hereby recognize and welcome the *FLORIDA ASSOCIATION OF DEPUTY SHERIFFS* while attending their annual conference in the Nation's Oldest City.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Saint Augustine to be affixed on this 3rd day of August 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