

❧ PROCLAMATION *❧*

WHEREAS, Multiple Sclerosis (MS) is an unpredictable, often disabling disease of the central nervous system which interrupts the flow of information between brain and body and stops people from moving; and

WHEREAS, MS affects more than 500 people in St. Augustine, 20,000 people in Florida and 400,000 nationwide; and

WHEREAS, Symptoms range from numbness and tingling to blindness and paralysis; and

WHEREAS, The progress, severity and specific symptoms of MS in any one person cannot yet be predicted, but advances in research and treatment are moving us closer to a world free of MS; and

WHEREAS, Studies show that early and ongoing treatment with an FDA-approved therapy can reduce future disease activity and improve quality of life for many people with multiple sclerosis; and

WHEREAS, The National MS Society North Florida Chapter provides educational and support programs that improve the quality of life for people with MS; and

WHEREAS, The City of St. Augustine commends all those who are committed to finding a cure for multiple sclerosis and recognizes the challenges faced by affected individuals and their families.

*NOW, THEREFORE, the City Commission of the City of Saint Augustine, does hereby proclaim March 8 through 12, 2010 **MS AWARENESS WEEK**, and urge all citizens to join in recognizing the wonderful work the **National MS Society North Florida Chapter** does for the individuals and families in Northeast Florida living with multiple sclerosis.*

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Saint Augustine to be affixed this 8th day of March in the year of our Lord two thousand ten and the four hundred and forty fourth year of the founding of Saint Augustine, the Nation's Oldest City.

Joe Boles, Mayor