

*❧* PROCLAMATION *❧*

*WHEREAS*, an accurate census count is vital to our community and residents' well-being by helping planners determine where to locate schools, day care centers, roads and public transportation, hospitals and other facilities, and achieving an accurate and complete count of the nation's growing and changing population; and

*WHEREAS*, more than \$400 billion per year in federal and state funding is allocated to states and communities based, in part, on census data; and

*WHEREAS*, the 2010 Census creates jobs that stimulate economic growth and increase employment; and

*WHEREAS*, census data help determine how many seats each state will have in the U.S. House of Representatives and often is used for the redistricting of state legislatures, county and city councils and voting districts; and

*WHEREAS*, the City of St. Augustine is committed to ensuring every resident is counted and will partner with the St. Francis House and the Council on Aging to achieve a complete count; and

*WHEREAS*, every Census Bureau worker takes a lifetime oath to protect confidentiality, and the Census Bureau ensures that the data identifying respondents or their household will not be released or shared for 72 years; and

*WHEREAS*, the City of St. Augustine support the goals and ideals for the 2010 Census and disseminate 2010 Census information to encourage those in our community to participate.

*NOW, THEREFORE*, the City Commission of the City of Saint Augustine is hereby committed to partnering with the U.S. Census Bureau to help ensure a full and accurate count, and encourages citizens in our community to place an emphasis on the 2010 Census and participate in events and initiatives that will raise overall awareness.

*IN WITNESS WHEREOF*, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Saint Augustine to be affixed this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of February 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.

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*Joe Boles, Mayor*