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WHEREAS, the month of March, 2010, has been designated Florida Archaeology Month by the State of Florida in recognition of archaeology's importance in understanding and preserving the State's cultural resources, as well as promoting public awareness of those resources; and

WHEREAS, the City of St. Augustine has recognized the significance of its archaeological heritage and has endeavored to document those remains by establishing an archaeological ordinance and program; thereby, underscoring the national and international significance of that heritage; and

WHEREAS, the City of St. Augustine has endeavored to illuminate the results of archaeological findings to the public (both residents and visitors) through media sources and other venues of communication to spark interest in St. Augustine's unique cultural heritage; and

WHEREAS, public involvement is a critical component in the City's ability to document the cycle of human life that has occurred in the St. Augustine both before and after European contact;

NOW, THEREFORE, the City Commission of the City of Saint Augustine does hereby proclaim the month of March, 2010, as **ARCHAEOLOGY MONTH** in St. Augustine; and *FURTHER*, recognizes the contributions made by the St. Augustine Archaeological Association, a chapter of the Florida Anthropological Society, in documenting and preserving this important and irreplaceable part of our unique cultural heritage.

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

Joe Boles, MAYOR