

*❧ PROCLAMATION ❧*

*WHEREAS, volunteer action is a powerful force for solving problems both large and small, and banding together of dedicated individuals in the spirit of giving can transform lives and entire communities; and*

*WHEREAS, the City of St. Augustine esteems service to be an integral part of exceptional community living and highly valued by linking arms of community organizations in service; and*

*WHEREAS, the City of St. Augustine recognizes that unselfish service provides benefits to both the giver and the receiver; and that unselfish service unites citizens while easing the distress of community members and bringing hope to all; and*

*WHEREAS, the Northeast Florida Red Cross, The Blood Alliance, Second Harvest North Florida, Hands On, and The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints have partnered to link arms with other citizens, churches, civic organizations and government agencies in Duval, Clay, Putnam, and St. Johns Counties to participate in an event to make significant contributions in the areas of blood and food that are critically needed, especially during this period of world-wide emergencies.*

***NOW THEREFORE:** the City Commission of the City of St. Augustine, does hereby proclaim **SATURDAY, APRIL 24, 2010, as a DAY OF SERVICE HELPING HANDS AND LINKING ARMS to FILL THE BLOOD AND FOOD BANKS** and urge all to take up the challenge and do their part to “Fill the Banks” with blood and food donations to help the needy of our community.*

*IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City Saint Augustine, Florida, to be affixed on this 22nd 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*