

❧ P R O C L A M A T I O N ❧

WHEREAS, the Lincolnville community is an integral part of the greater St. Augustine, Florida community; and

WHEREAS, the historical significance of the Lincolnville community dates back the mid-1800s when the area was named for President Abraham Lincoln after signing of the Emancipation Proclamation; and

WHEREAS, many of Lincolnville's residents and business persons worked tirelessly to contribute to the overall productivity, welfare and significance of our nation's oldest city; and

WHEREAS, the Excelsior Cultural Center and Museum, formerly The Excelsior School, provides a historically significant edifice to support the preservation of the rich cultural heritage of the Lincolnville community; and

WHEREAS, all current programs and activities of the Excelsior Cultural Center and Museum will enrich the lives of all and raise their levels of aspiration and accomplishment to promote the social, economic, cultural, moral and ethical development of the Lincolnville Community, serving as a stimulus to learning and providing services to St. Johns County at-large; and

WHEREAS, the Friends of Excelsior working with the Florida Humanities Council has endeavored to bring the rich past of Lincolnville to life for all citizens and friends of the City of St. Augustine.

NOW THEREFORE, the City Commission of St. Augustine, Florida does proclaim the day of February 27, 2010 as Lincolnville: "The Way We Were Day" and call upon all citizens of St. Augustine to observe this day.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereon to set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Saint Augustine to be affixed this 27th day of February in the year of our Lord two thousand and ten and the four hundred and forty fourth year of the founding of Saint Augustine, the Nation's Oldest City.