

❧ PROCLAMATION ❧

*WHEREAS, the first Earth Day was celebrated on April 22, 1970, with the goal of inspiring environmental awareness and encouraging the conservation, protection, and appreciation of our nation's natural resources; and*

*WHEREAS, it is the responsibility of each of us to safeguard the environment by recognizing that all human life depends upon the Earth and upon one another for our mutual existence, well-being and development; and*

*WHEREAS, the steps we can take to protect and preserve our natural environment through education, partnerships and positive actions are encouraged in the City of St. Augustine; and*

*WHEREAS, the citizens of St. Augustine are committed not only to the protection and preservation of our environment, but also to the restoration of ecosystems and habitat; and*

*WHEREAS, St. Augustine proudly recognizes all who participate in Earth Day for their dedication to taking a proactive role in shaping the future of our environment and in protecting the City of St. Augustine's precious natural resource.*

*NOW THEREFORE, the City Commission of the City of St. Augustine hereby proclaims April 22, 2010 as **EARTH DAY**, and urge all our citizens to be mindful of local, state and national laws that protect our environment, and to join in efforts to preserve the beauty and wonder of the lands, skies and water of the Earth in all its diversity.*

*IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of St. Augustine, Florida, to be affixed on this 12<sup>th</sup> day of April in the year of our Lord two thousand and ten, in the four hundred and forty fourth year of the founding of St. Augustine, the Nation's Oldest City.*

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Joe Boles, *MAYOR*