

*❧ PROCLAMATION ❧*

*WHEREAS, St. Johns County is home to approximately 40,376 citizens aged 60 years or older; and*

*WHEREAS, the older Americans of St. Johns County are an integral part of our nation's demographic makeup; and*

*WHEREAS, older citizens are valued members of our community and are entitled to lead their lives free from fears, myths and misconceptions about aging; and*

*WHEREAS, each community must strive to recognize the contributions of our older citizens, understand and address their evolving needs, and support their caregivers; and*

*WHEREAS, the Council on Aging, as lead agency for elder services is a vital community asset acting as a catalyst for mobilizing the contributions and commitments of older residents who desire to live independently and with dignity and respect; and*

*WHEREAS, our society is strengthened by intergenerational cooperation and support, and benefits from our collective efforts to serve older Americans and the people who love them; and*

*WHEREAS, this year marks the 45th anniversary of the passage of the Older Americans Act by the United States Congress.*

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that The City Commission of the City of St. Augustine, Florida, hereby proclaims the month of May, 2010 as **OLDER AMERICANS MONTH.***

*IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Saint Augustine to be affixed this 10<sup>th</sup> day of May 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.*

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*Joe Boles, Mayor*