

❧ PROCLAMATION ❧

WHEREAS, St. Augustine's seniors deserve to live safely with dignity and as independently as possible, with the supports they need; and

WHEREAS, Elder abuse is most often defined as any act that harms a senior or jeopardizes his or her health or welfare; and

WHEREAS, Eliminating abuse to older persons is each community's responsibility; the City of St. Augustine is concerned about the risk to our older residents who suffer from neglect or are victims of financial, emotional or physical abuse; and

WHEREAS, all our residents should watch for signs of abuse such as physical trauma, withdrawal, depression, anxiety, fear of family members, friends or caregivers.

*NOW, THEREFORE, the City Commission of the City of St. Augustine does hereby proclaim June 15, 2010, as **ELDER ABUSE AWARENESS DAY** and encourages citizens of the *Nation's Oldest City* to commit to build safer communities for our elder residents.*

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of St. Augustine to be affixed this 15th day of June in the year of our Lord two thousand ten and the four hundred and forty fourth year of the founding of St. Augustine, the Nation's Oldest City.

Mayor Joseph L. Boles, Jr.