

*PROCLAMATION*

*WHEREAS, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the United States of America has been serving the City of St. Augustine and St. Johns County, Florida since 1903; and*

*WHEREAS, St. Augustine Lodge No. 829 has been named the named St. Johns County Veterans Organization of the Year; and*

*WHEREAS, the Florida Elks through its Florida Elks Youth Camp and its Therapy Services provide for the charitable needs of the Youth of out State; and*

*WHEREAS, in St. Johns County and in the City of St. Augustine, the Florida Elks have provided services to our Veterans by hosting the Northeast District Army of Hope Picnic to raise funds for the families of our active-duty service men, hosted the St. Johns County Homeless Veterans” Stand Down and hosted the USO Pal Day Luncheon for over 800 active duty military and their families; and*

*WHEREAS, Dr. James E. Hurst, Jr. currently services as President of the Florida State Elks Association with a membership of over 63,000 in the State of Florida ; and*

*WHEREAS, on February 11 and 12, 2011, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks St Augustine Lodge No. 829 will host Dr. Hurst on his official visit to the Northeast District of the Florida State Elks Association; and in conjunction with his visit he will, through his slogan, “You Can Count on Us” deliver the message that the Elks will always be there in support of the charitable needs of our community.*

*NOW, THEREFORE, the City of St. Augustine does hereby welcome Dr. Hurst to our community on the occasion of his official visit within the City of St. Augustine and honors Dr. Hurst for his many contributions and services to the community.*

*IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Official Seal of the City of St. Augustine to be affixed, this eleventh day of February, in the year of our Lord two thousand eleven, the two hundred and thirty-fifth year of Independence of the United States of America, and the four hundred and forty fifth year of the founding of St. Augustine, the Nation's Oldest City.*