

❧❧ PROCLAMATION ❧❧

WHEREAS, Doctors' Day was established to honor and pay tribute to members of the medical profession everywhere and recognize their contributions and continuing dedication; and

WHEREAS, society owes a debt of gratitude to physicians for their contributions which enlarge the reservoir of scientific knowledge and tools and expand the ability of health professionals to use these tools effectively in the never-ending fight against disease; and

WHEREAS, on March 30, 1842 Dr. Crawford W. Long of Jefferson, Georgia became the first physician in history to use ether as anesthesia in surgery, which prompted the date of March 30th being chosen as the official day on which to celebrate Doctors' Day; and

WHEREAS, the first observance of Doctor's Day occurred on March 30, 1933 in Winder, Georgia, when Eudora Brown Almond, wife of Dr. Charles B. Almond, made the decision to set aside a day to honor physicians, thereby taking it upon herself to mail cards to practicing physicians and placing red carnations on the graves of doctors deceased; and

WHEREAS, on March 30, 1958, a Resolution commemorating Doctors' Day was adopted by the United States House of Representatives, followed by legislation introduced in the House and Senate to establish a national Doctor's Day in 1990; and following overwhelming approval by the United States Senate and the House of Representatives, on October 30, 1990, President George Bush signed S.J. RES. #366 (which became Public Law 101-473) designating March 30th as "National Doctor's Day;" and

WHEREAS, physicians continue to play a very vital and significant role in the health and well-being of people residing in our city, county, state, nation and world; and

WHEREAS, society owes a debt of gratitude to physicians for the sympathy and compassion shown to the sick in alleviating human suffering.

*NOW, THEREFORE, the City Commission of the City of St. Augustine, in recognition of this important occasion does hereby proclaim, Monday, March 30, 2011, as **DOCTORS' DAY** in the City of St. Augustine and encourages its citizens to express gratitude to all physicians who serve their health needs.*

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and do cause the Seal of the City of St. Augustine to be affixed this 14th day of March in the year of our Lord two thousand eleven and the four hundred and forty fifth year of the founding of St. Augustine, the Nation's Oldest City.

Mayor Joseph Boles