

## PROCLAMATION

*Whereas, American women of every race, class, and ethnic background have made historic contributions to the growth and strength of our Nation in countless recorded and unrecorded ways;*

*Whereas, American women have played and continue to play a critical economic, cultural, and social role in every sphere of the life of the Nation by constituting a significant portion of the labor force working inside and outside of the home;*

*Whereas, American women have played a unique role throughout the history of the Nation by providing the majority of the volunteer labor force of the Nation;*

*Whereas, American women were particularly important in the establishment of early charitable, philanthropic, and cultural institutions in our Nation;*

*Whereas, American women of every race, class, and ethnic background served as early leaders in the forefront of every major progressive social change movement;*

*Whereas, American women have been leaders, not only in securing their own rights of suffrage and equal opportunity, but also in the abolitionist movement, the emancipation movement, the industrial labor movement, the civil rights movement, and other movements, especially the peace movement, which create a more fair and just society for all; and*

*Now, therefore, be it resolved* by the City Commission of the City of St. Augustine, that the month of March, 2011 shall be designated as "Women's History Month", and hereby encourages participation in appropriate programs, ceremonies, activities; and the celebration of women in St. Augustine, the state of Florida, in the United States and the entire world.

*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.*

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*Mayor Joseph L. Boles, Jr.*