

Proclamation

WHEREAS, St. Augustine is a community that is home to approximately 43,735 citizens aged 60 years or older; and

WHEREAS, the older adults of St. Augustine are the roots from which our community grows, who bestow gifts of wisdom and insight upon younger generations and strengthen the bonds between neighbors to create a better place to live; 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, 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, 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, this year marks the 48th 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 does hereby proclaim the month of May, 2011 as **Older Americans Month**.*

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and do cause the Seal of the City of St. Augustine to be affixed this 9th day of May in the year of our Lord two thousand and eleven, and in the four hundred forty fifth year of the founding of St. Augustine, the Nation's Oldest City.

Joe Boles, Mayor