

❧ PROCLAMATION ❧

Whereas, the Wound, Ostomy and Continence Nurses Society (WOCN) was founded in 1968 as a professional, international nursing society of more than 4,6000 healthcare professionals who are experts in the care of patients with wound, ostomy and incontinence; and

Whereas, the Wound, Ostomy and Continence Nurses Society values trust, integrity, leadership, vision, communication and diversity; and

Whereas, the Wound, Ostomy and Continence care requires nurses to receive certification before treating patients with non-healing wounds, colostomies and related body-altering conditions, and bowel and bladder disorders; and

Whereas, the Wound, Ostomy and Continence Nurses Society supports its members by promoting educational, clinical and research opportunities to advance the practice and guide the delivery of expert health care to individuals with wounds, ostomies and incontinence; and

Whereas, the Wound, Ostomy and Continence Nurses Society raise scholarship funds to support the continued education of Wound, Ostomy and Continence nurses; and

Whereas, member of the Wound, Ostomy and Continence Nurses Society have organized a bicycle ride to raise awareness of the need for scholarships to maintain the level of service required to treat patients suffering from these body-altering conditions,

NOW, THEREFORE, *The City Commission of the City of St. Augustine, Florida, does hereby proclaim April 28, 2011 as **Wound, Ostomy and Continence Nurses Recognition Day**, and calls upon all of the people of the City of St. Augustine to recognize this special observance.*

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and do cause the Seal of the City of St. Augustine to be affixed this 28th day of April in the year of our Lord two thousand and eleven, and the four hundred and forty fifth year of the founding of St. Augustine, the Nation's Oldest City.

Joe Boles, Mayor