

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, forty-seven years ago, America was struggling to implement the ideals of justice and equality set forth in the founding principles of this great nation; and

WHEREAS, local citizens from St. Augustine, made up of all ages, participated in the movement to protest segregation and discrimination; and

WHEREAS, those heroes, all honored and some of whom are receiving special recognition today, at the 5th Annual ACCORD Freedom Tail Luncheon which include Dr. Dorothy Cotton, former Educational Director for the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC); The Late Rev. Goldie M. Eubanks, Sr., the 2011 Posthumous Recipient of the Dr. Robert B. Hayling Award of Valor presented by Florida State Senator Anthony 'Tony' Hill; The Late Mrs. Esther Burgess, and Mrs. Lillian Twine Roberson; and

WHEREAS, the Civil Rights Act of 1964 signed into law on July 2, 1964 by President Lyndon B. Johnson, outlawing major forms of discrimination against blacks and women, including racial segregation, ending unequal application of voter registration requirements and racial segregation in schools, in the workplace and the facilities that served the general public, and which law marked the beginning of a new era whereby people of all races could look forward to a better quality of life.

NOW, THEREFORE, the City Commission of the City of St. Augustine does hereby recognize and support the achievements and success all who walked in the march for equality and does hereby urge the citizens of St. Augustine to set aside differences and work together towards liberty and justice for all.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and do cause the Seal of the City of St. Augustine to be affixed this 2nd day of July in the year of our Lord two thousand and eleven, the four hundred and forty fifth year of the founding of St. Augustine, the Nation's Oldest City.

Joe Boles, Mayor