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*WHEREAS, the United States Coast Guard's history began on the 4<sup>th</sup> of August 1790 when President George Washington signed an act of the First Congress providing for the creation of the Revenue Cutter Service; and*

*WHEREAS, in 1915 the Revenue Cutter Service merged with the United States Lifesaving Service and became officially known as the United States Coast Guard under an act of Congress; and*

*WHEREAS, a branch of the military, a maritime law enforcement agency and a federal regulatory agency, the Coast Guard's versatility is truly unique; and*

*WHEREAS, the United States Coast Guard has over 40,000 active-duty servicemen, along with thousands of reservist and volunteers of the United States Coast Guard share a bond of pride in their rich heritage and a common purpose to uphold honorable traditions by risking their lives to save others; and*

*WHEREAS, the men and women of the United States Coast Guard extend their arms down into the water to rescue those in peril from the sea, patrolling more than 250,000 square miles of territorial waters and 12,000 miles of coastline under U.S. control; and*

*WHEREAS, the United States Coast Guard, with a fleet of more than 2,000 vessels as well as helicopters and airplanes, assists in conducting search-and-rescue missions, provides aid to distressed ships and other maritime vessels, prevents crime, facilitates commercial activities and protects natural resources of the coastal waters of the United States of America; and*

*WHEREAS, during World War II, Coast Guard men and women trained in St. Augustine, and used the Lighthouse as a base of operations and a lookout post for enemy ships and submarines which prowled the coastline of St. Augustine.*

*NOW THEREFORE, on this the two hundred and twenty first birthday celebration of the United States Coast Guard, the City Commission of the City of St. Augustine, Florida, hereby proclaims August 4, 2011 as **UNITED STATES COAST GUARD DAY** in the City of St. Augustine, and urges all of our citizens to express gratitude to the men and women that serve for their hard work and dedication to the United States of America and its citizens.*

*IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and do cause the Seal of the City of St. Augustine to be affixed this 4<sup>th</sup> day of August 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.*

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*Joe Boles, Mayor*