

❧❧ PROCLAMATION ❧❧

WHEREAS, on the 8th day of September, in the year of our Lord fifteen hundred and sixty five, Pedro Menendez de Aviles, by the act of claiming this land for the King of Spain, founded San Augustin, in La Florida, the oldest continuously occupied European settlement in the land to become the United States of America; and

WHEREAS, September 8, 2011, marks the Four Hundred and Forty-Sixth Anniversary of the founding of St. Augustine; and

WHEREAS, on the eighth day of September, 1565, a solemn Mass was offered on these grounds by Father Francisco Lopez de Mendoza Grajales, thus founding the parish of St. Augustine and establishing Christianity in the world; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the events of that historic occasion be observed and re-created in the manner recorded four hundred and forty six years ago.

*NOW, THEREFORE, the City Commission of the City of St. Augustine does hereby proclaim September 8th, 2011, as **FOUNDER'S DAY**, in commemoration of the 446th Anniversary of the Founding of St. Augustine, Our Nation's Oldest City.*

AND FURTHER, in celebration of this 446th Anniversary, we urge all our citizens to participate in the festivities and commemoration of this singular event.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I hereunto set my hand and do cause the Seal and Title of the "Most Loyal and Valorous City" bestowed by His Majesty King Philip V in 1715 – to be affixed hereon, this 8th day of September in the year of our Lord two thousand and eleven.

Joseph L. Boles, MAYOR