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WHEREAS, during the summer of 1787 our Founding Fathers did seek to establish a charter that would decree and establish a Constitution for the United States of America, in order to secure the foundations associated with good fortune and personal freedom for theirs and future generations; and

WHEREAS, it is vitally important that the terms, conditions and meaning of the Constitution be fully understood by all citizens, that we may uphold, protect and defend it against all possible infringement; and

WHEREAS, the 224th Anniversary of the signing of the Constitution of the United States of America provides a momentous opportunity for all Americans to discover and recognize the accomplishments of our Forefathers, commemorate the legacy passed down to us from those who treasured life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness as inalienable rights, and to ponder the liberties and privileges of citizenship as well as the respect and responsibilities thereof; and

WHEREAS, We, The People of the United States of America, do enjoy the blessings of liberty, freedom of religion, independence and the guarantees of the Bill of Rights which provides equal protection of the law under our Constitution, and the freedoms derived from it; and

WHEREAS, all American citizens should observe and respect their independence as guaranteed by our Constitution with fitting ceremonies and commemorative activities during CONSTITUTION WEEK, September 17 through 23, as ordered and proclaimed in 1955 by the President and Congress of the United States of America.

NOW THEREFORE, the City Commission of the City of St. Augustine, Florida, hereby proclaims September 17th through September 23rd, 2011 as CONSTITUTION WEEK in the City of St. Augustine, and does urge all citizens of St. Augustine to pay special attention during this week to our Constitutional government and the advantages associated with American citizenship; and further invites every citizen and institution to join in this national commemoration of our history and heritage.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and do cause the Seal of the City of St. Augustine to be affixed this 12th day of September in the year of our Lord two thousand and eleven; and the four hundred and forty sixth year of the founding of St. Augustine, the Nation's Oldest City.

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Joe Boles, Mayor

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