



# City of St. Augustine



La Lealísima y Valerosa Ciudad de San Agustín de la Florida

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## PROCLAMATION

*WHEREAS, Our Founding Fathers did decree and establish a Constitution for the United States of America, to acquire the good fortunes associated with 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 possible infringement; and*

*WHEREAS, September 17<sup>th</sup> is the 229<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the signing of our Constitution, which provides a momentous opportunity for all Americans to discover and recognize the accomplishments of our Forefathers, and to ponder the rights and privileges of citizenship as well as the responsibilities thereof; and*

*WHEREAS, We, the people of the United States of America, do enjoy the blessings of liberty, the guarantees of the Bill of Rights, 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 as ordered and proclaimed in 1956 by President Dwight D. Eisenhower and Congress of the United States of America.*

*NOW THEREFORE, the City Commission of the City of St. Augustine, Florida, hereby proclaims September 17<sup>th</sup> through September 23<sup>rd</sup> as CONSTITUTION WEEK in the City of St. Augustine, and urges all our citizens to pay special attention during this week to our Constitutional government and the advantage of American citizenship; and further invite every citizen and institution to join in this national commemoration.*

*IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and do cause the Seal of the City of St. Augustine to be affixed this 17<sup>th</sup> day of September in the year of our Lord two thousand and sixteen; and the four hundred and fifty first year of the founding of St. Augustine, the Nation's Oldest City.*

