



City of St. Augustine

La Lealisima y Valerosa Cuidad de San Agustín de la Florida



1565 - 2015

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, in the year 1715 the citizens of St. Augustine petitioned His Majesty, Philip V, King of Spain and the Indies to grant to them for arms, a “flor de lis, lion, castle and strong arm with cross in the middle” and the title “Most Loyal and Valorous” for their faithful and courageous service to Spain; and

WHEREAS, there was no record of the request being fulfilled, so in 1991, the City Commission passed a resolution authorizing a formal request to His Majesty Juan Carlos I, King of Spain, for a Coat of Arms for the city through the assistance of the Columbus Commission; and

WHEREAS, research conducted by Vicente de Cárdenas y Vicent, Herald, King of Arms, Dean of the Corps of Heralds for Spain, revealed that a Coat of Arms for the City had indeed been authorized for the City by King Philip V on November 26, 1715.; and

WHEREAS, The City received the Coat of Arms on October 12, 1991, nearly 276 years after it was granted.; and

NOW THEREFORE, the City Commission of the City of St. Augustine hereby recognizes and honors the 300th anniversary of the City of St. Augustine’s official Coat of Arms.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and do cause the Seal of the City of St. Augustine to be affixed this 9th day of November in the year of our Lord two thousand and fifteen, the four hundred and fiftieth year of the founding of St. Augustine, the Nation’s Oldest City.

2015-42

Nancy E. Shaver, Mayor

“Most Loyal and Valorous”
Title conferred upon the Presidio of St. Augustine by King Philip V of Spain, November 26, 1715



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