



City of St. Augustine



La Lealísima y Valerosa Ciudad de San Agustín de la Florida

1565 - 2015

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Once the site of Indian villages, colonial plantations and orange groves, Lincolnville began as a settlement of emancipated slaves in 1866; and

WHEREAS African-Americans who trace their origins to the City's 16th century founding played an integral role in the history of St. Augustine for centuries before the forced segregation of the late 1800s led them to create their own community institutions. Here, they built churches, schools, and a vibrant business center surrounded by residences that displayed the ornate architecture of the late 19th century; and

WHEREAS, by 1930, Lincolnville had become a major part of St. Augustine, encompassing both the African-American community itself and the adjacent white residential areas that had grown up with it; and

WHEREAS, in 1964, Civil Rights demonstrations organized in Lincolnville attracted nationwide attention and influenced the Congressional debate that led to the passage of the Civil Rights Act of 1964.; and

WHEREAS, Lincolnville was designated in the National Register of Historic Places on November 29, 1991, and contains the City's largest concentration of late Victorian Era buildings, most of them private homes; and

WHEREAS, in this year 2016, Lincolnville shines once more. Civil Rights heroes have been recognized, new houses are now built on previously empty lots, and the Lincolnville Community Redevelopment Area is successfully banishing blight from the neighborhood.

NOW, THEREFORE, the St. Augustine City Commission of the City of St. Augustine hereby celebrates 150 Years of the founding of Lincolnville, and encourages all residents to celebrate by participating in any scheduled activities to commemorate this historic event.

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 sixteen and the four hundred and fifty-first year of the founding of St. Augustine, the Nation's Oldest City.

2016-20

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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