



City of St. Augustine



La Lealísima y Valerosa Ciudad de San Agustín de la Florida

1565 - 2015

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, reading is fundamental in all we do and essential to meeting one's full potential; and

WHEREAS, the American Association of University Women in St. Augustine founded Learn to Read of St. Johns County in 1986 to improve adult literacy, and this year is Learn to Read's 30th Anniversary; and

WHEREAS, Learn to Read of St. Johns County, Inc. was incorporated and received its 501(c) 3 tax-exempt non-profit designation from the Internal Revenue Service, and offers tutoring services to St. Johns County residents free of charge; and

WHEREAS, trained volunteers have provided tutoring to an average of 200 individuals per year and amassed 6,300 hours of tutor sessions in 2015 alone; and

WHEREAS, hundreds of individuals have earned their GED, passed the Adult Basic Education Test, passed the U.S. Citizenship Exam, or achieved their personal and professional goals; and

WHEREAS, improved literacy skills promote higher income and better health of individuals and families, which in turn also improves quality of life; and

WHEREAS, according to Adult Literacy League, for every dollar that is spent on adult literacy, society reaps \$7.14 in return through increased revenues (tax base), or decreased expenditures for emergency assistance, health care and incarceration; and

WHEREAS, September is National Literacy Month and is an opportunity to raise awareness of the importance of literacy throughout St. Johns County

NOW THEREFORE, the City Commission of the City of St. Augustine hereby proclaims September, 2016, as "National Literacy Month" and urges the residents of our community, to support literacy and literacy programs.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and do cause the Seal of the City of St. Augustine to be affixed this 26th day of September in the year of our Lord two thousand and sixteen, the four hundred and fifty-first year of the founding of St. Augustine, the Nation's Oldest City.

2016-33

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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