

County of Santa Rosa

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the Milton Shakespeare Club is the oldest civic organization in Santa Rosa County; and

WHEREAS, it was organized in 1911 and modeled after the Chautauqua which became popular about that time in American history; and

WHEREAS, the Milton Shakespeare Club studied the works of Shakespeare and other genres of interest offering elaborate programs of plays, poetry, music and current events ending with social time and including community service such as providing scholarships; resources for the Florida Children's Home and many other opportunities for other good causes; and

WHEREAS, the Milton Shakespeare Club can list among its many accomplishments events to support WWI and WWII war efforts; building and upkeep of the clubhouse still located on Oak Street in Milton; USO events; Aqua Holidays and many other worthwhile causes; and

WHEREAS, the Milton Shakespeare Club started the first free library with 18 books in a room located at the Berryhill school with its objective then, as it is now, to share knowledge; interest in community; mutual helpfulness and as the club's creed states, "Oh Lord, let us not forget to be kind.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY the Board of County Commissioners of Santa Rosa County, Florida that we do hereby proclaim September 2011, as

SHAKESPEARE CLUB MONTH

in Santa Rosa County and encourage all our citizens to congratulate its members on their 100th year anniversary.



**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
SANTA ROSA COUNTY, FLORIDA**

BY: _____
Lane Lynchard, Chairman