

Santa Rosa County

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the USA Freedom Corps, the umbrella organization for Citizen Corps was officially launched by President George W. Bush on January 29, 2002, and

WHEREAS, the Santa Rosa County Citizen Corps was activated in December of 2006, and

WHEREAS, the Citizen Corps is a national program with a local, community-based emphasis and a mission to strengthen Santa Rosa County communities by establishing a system for volunteers to offer their expertise during emergencies and at other times of community needs, through Neighborhood Watches, Volunteers in Policing, Community Emergency Response Teams, Medical Reserve Corps and Fire Corps, local volunteer partners like Emergency Communications, American Red Cross and the Volunteer Center, and

WHEREAS, major local emergencies (floods, hurricanes, chemical spills, acts of terrorism, epidemics and other large scale incidents) can overwhelm even the most professional and well-staffed local emergency response systems, thereby creating a need for assistance from properly trained volunteers, and

WHEREAS, a fully trained and functional Citizen Corps provides valuable services to the citizens of our communities and provides a greater predictability of our volunteer resource capabilities during times of emergency, and

WHEREAS, the Citizen Corps ability to augment existing emergency response systems in our communities may in fact speed up community recovery and minimize the long-term economic losses that often follow emergencies and disasters.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE Board of County Commissioners of Santa Rosa County fully supports the concept and function of the Santa Rosa County Citizen Corps. Be it further resolved that the Board encourages its citizens, employees and associates to give their time and expertise to the volunteer Citizen Corps in the service of our Santa Rosa County communities.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 13th day of September, 2007, by a vote of 5 yeas, 0 nays and 0 absent of the Board of County Commissioners of Santa Rosa County, Florida.



BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
SANTA ROSA COUNTY, FLORIDA

BY: _____

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Thomas F. Stewart, Chairman