

# County of Santa Rosa

## PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, according to the Department of Labor, most new jobs created throughout the United States in the past decade have come from the creative efforts of entrepreneurs, which have been expanding and advancing technology and fueling recent growth in the economy; and

**WHEREAS**, entrepreneurs have been the source of economic innovation throughout the history of the Nation, and society has been improved because of the new ways of doing things that have been brought about by people who market their ideas; and

**WHEREAS**, entrepreneurs are engaged citizens who work to improve their local communities, providing better opportunities for businesses to operate and a better overall environment for the human resources they need to advance their innovative ideas; and

**WHEREAS**, more than 70 percent of young people envision starting a business or doing something entrepreneurial as adults, and entrepreneurial awareness will assist them in the future regardless of whether they run their own business or work in a business owned by others; and

**WHEREAS**, the high interest of young people in becoming entrepreneurs and the critical role entrepreneurs have played in advancing the national economy make it vital to encourage young people from all academic backgrounds and all walks of life to explore their entrepreneurial potential and see if they have it in them to 'make a job'; and,

**WHEREAS**, through a national initiative to observe **EntrepreneurshipWeek USA**, the Ewing Marion Kauffman Foundation, New York Times, Inc. magazine and hundreds of partner organizations promote awareness of the contributions of entrepreneurs as innovators, positive forces in the economy, and important resources for improving communities as places to live and work, and

**WHEREAS**, through a local initiative to observe **EntrepreneurshipWeek NWF**, Junior Achievement of Northwest Florida and partnering organizations including Pensacola Bay Area Chamber of Commerce, High Growth Business Club, Pensacola Young Professionals, Florida Institute of Human & Machine Cognition, Team Santa Rosa Economic Development Council Inc., University of West Florida, Gulf Coast African American Chamber of Commerce, Best Buy, Duncan McCall Advertising and Whitesand Investments to inspire and prepare young people to begin a journey to fulfill their potential as self-starters and entrepreneurs; now therefore,

**NOW THEREFORE**, the Board of County Commissioners of Santa Rosa County, Florida, does hereby proclaim the week of February 24 – March 3, 2007, as **EntrepreneurshipWeek Northwest Florida**, and do call upon all citizens, companies and organizations to join with us in celebrating our great entrepreneurial spirit by encouraging our youth to begin a journey to explore their big idea – and take it on!



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SANTA ROSA COUNTY, FLORIDA**

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**Thomas F. Stewart, Chairman**