

# PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS:** Walking and bicycling can benefit personal and public health, the environment and overall quality of life; and

**WHEREAS:** Safe and accessible venues for these valuable exercises promote increased activity and public safety; and

**WHEREAS:** According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, in 2008, there were 69,000 pedestrians injured and another 4,378 killed as a result of traffic crashes in the United States. That same year, motor vehicle collisions with bicycles accounted for 716 cyclist deaths and 52,000 cyclist injuries; and

**WHEREAS:** Safe and secure transportation is the right of all Jacksonville citizens; and

**WHEREAS:** The City of Jacksonville is committed to working with partners like the Florida Department of Transportation and the Jacksonville Transportation Authority to incorporate safe and convenient walking and bicycling facilities into transportation projects whenever possible; and

**WHEREAS:** The City of Jacksonville considers walking and bicycling as equals with other modes of transportation and supports awareness efforts that help increase cyclist and pedestrian safety along local highways and byways.

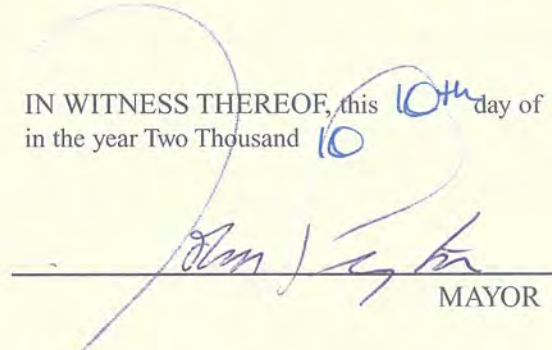
**NOW, THEREFORE, I, JOHN PEYTON,** by virtue of the power vested in me as Mayor of Jacksonville, Florida, do hereby proclaim August 2010, as

## **CYCLIST & PEDESTRIAN SAFETY MONTH**

in Jacksonville and encourage all residents to join me in raising awareness about cyclists and pedestrians who share the road with motorists.



IN WITNESS THEREOF, this 10<sup>th</sup> day of August  
in the year Two Thousand 10

  
MAYOR

CITY OF JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA