St. Marys, Georgia

Proclamation

Wilderness Act Celebration Day

"September 3, 2014"

WHEREAS, The Wilderness Act was signed into law by President Lyndon B. Johnson on September 3, 1964; and

WHEREAS, When President Johnson signed the act, he spoke these words: "If future generations are to remember us with gratitude rather than contempt, we must leave them a glimpse of the world as it was in the beginning, not just after we got through with it."; and

WHEREAS, The Wilderness Act states, in part, "A wilderness, in contrast with those areas where man and his own works dominate the landscape, is hereby recognized as an area where the earth and its community of life are untrammeled by man, where man himself is a visitor who does not remain."; and

WHEREAS, The City of St. Marys and its people have been blessed by the extraordinary environment and beauty of nearby Cumberland Island National Seashore-a designated Wilderness Area; and

WHEREAS, the City of St. Marys and its peoples have pledged to protect and preserve the integrity of Cumberland Island's wilderness; and

WHEREAS, September 3, 2014 marks the 50th Anniversary of the Wilderness Act.

NOW, THEREFORE, I John F. Morrissey, Mayor of St. Marys, Georgia, do proclaim the City of St. Marys declares September 3, 2014 as Wilderness Act Celebration Day.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 21st day of April, in the year of our Lord Two Thousand and Fourteen.

City of St. Marys, Georgia

By:_____
John F. Morrissey, Mayor

Attest:_____
Deborah Walker-Reed, City Clerk