

**Proclamation of the City of St. Marys**

**Declaring September 3**

**Wilderness Act Celebration Day**

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 untrammelled by man, where man himself is a visitor who does not remain.*"; and

Whereas, the City of St. Marys and its peoples 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<sup>rd</sup>, 2014 marks the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Wilderness Act;

Now, therefore, let it be proclaimed by the City of St. Marys that September 3 is hereby declared Wilderness Act Celebration Day.