

D.C. REEVES  
Mayor

**Proclamation**

WHEREAS, municipal government is the government closest to the people and the one with the most direct daily impact upon its residents; and

WHEREAS, municipal government provides services and programs that enhance the quality of life for residents, making their city their home; and

WHEREAS, municipal government is administered for - and by - its citizens, and is dependent upon public commitment to, and understanding of, its many responsibilities, including direct participation in the democratic process; and

WHEREAS, municipal government officials and employees share the responsibility to pass along the understanding of the services provided by their municipalities and their benefits; and

Whereas, representative government is dependent on the exercise of the privileges and responsibilities of its citizens; and

Whereas, civic and political participation remains the medium in which citizens engage in free, diverse, and positive political dialogue that guides our Nation toward common interests, consensus, and good governance;

Whereas, it is in the public interest for our Nation's leaders to foster civic discourse, education, and participation in Federal, State, and local affairs;

Whereas, the advent of revolutionary Internet technology offers new mechanisms for empowering our citizens, and fostering greater civic engagement, than at any time in our history; and

Whereas, the use of new technologies can bring people together in civic forums, educate citizens on their roles and responsibilities, and promote citizen participation in the political process through volunteerism, voting, and the elevation of diverse voices in public discourse; and

WHEREAS, Florida Civics Week is a very important time to recognize the significant role played by municipal government in our lives, and to spread the word to all Floridians that they can shape and influence this level of government.

Now, therefore, I, D.C. Reeves, Mayor of the City of Pensacola, do hereby proclaim the week of September 16<sup>th</sup> to September 20<sup>th</sup>, 2024 as "FLORIDA CIVIS WEEK".



D.C. Reeves, Mayor  
City of Pensacola