

Proclamation 11-01
Town of St. Leo
Civility Month

Whereas, the open exchange of public discourse is essential to the democratic system of government; and

Whereas, as a cornerstone of democracy Americans have observed certain rules of behavior generally known as civility;

Whereas, civility, derived from the Latin words “civitas” meaning city and “civis” meaning citizen, is behavior worthy of citizens living in a community or in common with others; and

Whereas, displays of anger, rudeness, ridicule, impatience and a lack of respect and personal attacks detract from the open exchange of ideas, prevent fair discussion of the issues, and can discourage individuals from participation in government; and

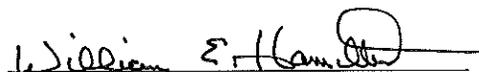
Whereas, civility can assist in reaching consensus on diverse issues and allow for mutually respectful ongoing relationships; and

Whereas, civility can uplift our daily life and make it more pleasant to live in an organized society; and

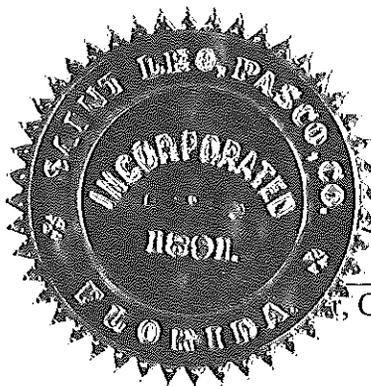
Whereas, the City, County and Local Government Law Section of The Florida Bar urges the adoption of a pledge of civility by all citizens in the State of Florida.

Now, therefore, be it resolved, by the Town Commission of the Town of St. Leo, Florida, that the month of June is proclaimed as Civility Month, and calls upon all citizens to exercise civility toward each other.

Passed and adopted this 13th day of June, 2011



William E. Hamilton, Mayor





CMC, Town Clerk