

WHEREAS, the yellow fever epidemic that occurred in Florida during 1887-1888 brought to light the need for control of this and other diseases in Florida to prevent future epidemics; and

WHEREAS, in response to this need, the Florida Legislature created the State Board of Health on February 20, 1889; and

WHEREAS, the State Board of Health, now named the Florida Department of Health, has a presence in all Florida counties to protect, promote, and improve the health of all people in Florida; and

WHEREAS, the efforts of the Florida Department of Health have helped create healthier living environments and a better quality of life for the residents and visitors in St. Lucie County; and

WHEREAS, the dedicated public health professionals who work for the Florida Department of Health in St. Lucie County continue to serve the needs of our community by providing health services, monitoring and responding to emerging health threats, and promoting healthy choices for all who live, work, and play in St. Lucie County.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Linda Hudson, Mayor of the City of Fort Pierce, Florida, do hereby issue this proclamation in honor of:

The 125th Anniversary of Florida Public Health

and ask that all residents join us in extending our sincere gratitude to the staff, past and present, of the Florida Department of Health in St. Lucie County for their commitment to the people of our communities during these one hundred and twenty-five years.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the official Seal of the City of Fort Pierce, Florida, to be affixed this 18th day of February, 2014.

MAYOR COMMISSIONER