

*WHEREAS,* fighting fires is one of the most hazardous professions, requiring physical strength, stamina, extensive training, courage, selfless concern for the welfare of our citizens; and

*WHEREAS,* in addition to their daily service to communities, Fire Fighters throughout the state and across the nation have joined the Muscular Dystrophy Association for over 60 years in the fight against neuromuscular diseases; and

*WHEREAS,* the Muscular Dystrophy Association is extremely grateful to the Fire Fighters of St. Lucie County whose 2013 “Fill the Boot” campaign collected over \$34,728. These funds will assist the MDA in providing medical services at local clinics, summer camps, research grants, support groups, and public education seminars at no cost to local children and families; and

*WHEREAS,* in honor of the efforts of the Fire Fighters of St. Lucie County, the MDA is sponsoring St. Lucie County Fire Fighter Appreciation Month; and

*WHEREAS,* it is appropriate for all St. Lucie County citizens to join the Muscular Dystrophy Association in this tribute to our Fire Fighters.

*NOW, THEREFORE,* I, Linda Hudson, Mayor of the City of Fort Pierce, do hereby proclaim the month of April, 2014, as:

## *“Fire Fighter Appreciation Month”*

in the City of Fort Pierce and commend the Fire Fighters of St. Lucie County for their efforts on behalf of the Muscular Dystrophy Association.

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 17<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2014.

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MAYOR COMMISSIONER