

- WHEREAS, Jazz has achieved preeminence throughout the world as an indigenous American music and art form, bringing to this area and throughout the world a uniquely American musical synthesis and culture unique to the African-American experience; and
- WHEREAS, Jazz makes evident to the world an outstanding artistic model of individual expression and democratic cooperation within the creativity process, thus fulfilling the highest ideals and aspirations of our nation; and
- WHEREAS, Jazz has evolved into a multifaceted art form which continues to nurture new stylistic idioms and cultural fusions while it inspires dancers, choreographers, filmmakers, composers and musicians; and
- WHEREAS, it is important for the youth of America to recognize and understand Jazz as a significant part of their culture and intellectual heritage to be appreciated; and
- WHEREAS, there is an increasing emphasis on public-private partnership and the cutting edge of support for cultural institutions and the arts in the United States and abroad where it bridges differences and brings people of all races, ages, and backgrounds together; and
- WHEREAS, the Fort Pierce Jazz Society will present a variety of concerts and events in an eight-day undertaking to celebrate the historic, artistic and cultural value of this American art form.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Linda Hudson, Mayor of the City of Fort Pierce, Florida, do hereby designate Jazz as a rare and valuable treasure and proclaim the week of March 22 - 29, 2014 as:

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in the City of Fort Pierce, and encourage our citizens to recognize Jazz as a unique art form, celebrate its tradition, and devote attention and support to make certain it is preserved, understood and promoted.

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