

WHEREAS, the American Public Health Association brings together communities across the United States to observe National Public Health Week during the first full week in April of each year; and

WHEREAS, Sylvie Kramer Marceau is being recognized as a Public Health Hero for her passion and leadership that transformed a maternal child health system for moms and their babies in the City of Fort Pierce; and

WHEREAS, Sylvie Marceau began her work in St. Lucie County as a faculty member in 1991 through the University of South Florida's College of Public Health; and

WHEREAS, after examining the delivery of health services by Sylvie Marceau to pregnant women and infants with poor outcomes, poor access to care and high rates of infant mortality, an effective and efficient obstetric delivery system was implemented; and

WHEREAS, in 2000, Sylvie Marceau founded the Healthy Start Coalition of St. Lucie County and Kids Connected by Design, an umbrella organization that tied together three organizations which included the Healthy Start Coalition, Healthy Families and Healthy Kids; and

WHEREAS, due to Sylvie Marceau's efforts, access to pre-natal care was increased, teen births dropped significantly and transmission of HIV from mother-to-baby dropped from 30% to 0%, the infant mortality rates also dropped from a high of 11.7% in 1993 to 4.7% in 2011; and

WHEREAS, Sylvie Kramer Marceau passed away in 2011, but her legacy lives on through the work of 15 programs serving over 16,500 children and families per year which operate under the umbrella of Kids Connected by Design.

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

## *Sylvie Kramer Marceau*

in recognition of her outstanding and dedicated service to the City of Fort Pierce.

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 7<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2014.

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MAYOR/COMMISSIONER