

WHEREAS, the President and Congress of the United States have designated May 15 as Peace Officers Memorial Day and the week in which it falls as Police Week; and

WHEREAS, nearly 60,000 assaults against law enforcement officers are reported each year, resulting in approximately 15,000 injuries and since the first recorded death in 1791, nearly 20,000 law enforcement officers have made the ultimate sacrifice and been killed in the line of duty; and

WHEREAS, four law enforcement officers have been lost in the line of duty in the City of Fort Pierce: Sergeant Willie B. Ellis on July 17, 1966, Captain Grover Cooper and Sergeant James Wouters on January 12, 1987, and Sergeant Danny Parrish on January 18, 1991; and

WHEREAS, it is important that all citizens recognize and appreciate the danger police officers face in fulfilling the critical mission of *Protecting Our Community*.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Linda Hudson, Mayor of the City of Fort Pierce, Florida, do hereby proclaim the week of May 11 - 17, 2014, as:

“Police Week”

and May 15, 2014, as:

“Peace Officers Memorial Day”

in honor of those officers who, through their courageous deeds, have lost their lives or have become disabled in the performance of duty.

AND BE IT FURTHER PROCLAIMED that flags at all City of Fort Pierce facilities will be flown at half-staff on Thursday, May 15, 2014, in honor of all peace officers killed in the line of duty.

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 5th day of May, 2014.

MAYOR COMMISSIONER