

## Proclamation

WHEREAS, Gregory L. Kirk began his career as a police officer with the Fort Pierce Police Department on August 17, 1981; and,

WHEREAS, Early in his career, Gregory L. Kirk served as a patrol officer and detective; and he further distinguished himself as the police department's first chaplain, first SWAT Team member, and first certified polygraph operator; and,

WHEREAS, Gregory L. Kirk rose through the ranks earning promotions to the rank of Sergeant of Police on February 7, 1993; Lieutenant of Police on November 30, 1997; Captain of Police on May 8, 2006; and Deputy Chief of Police on September 16, 2012; and,

WHEREAS, Deputy Chief Kirk serves as the police department's second in command, Neighborhood Policing Bureau Commander, SWAT and Tactical Operations Commander, and Federal Terrorism Liaison; and,

WHEREAS, Deputy Chief Kirk has amassed more than 8,000 hours of advanced law enforcement training and received several high honors and commendations, including:

- Exceptional Duty Awards in 2000, 2002, and 2005
- Life Saving Award in 2000
- Masters Degree in Public Administration in 2002
- Manager of the Quarter in 2003
- Certificate of Athletic Excellence in 2003 and 2004
- Police Combat Cross Award in 2004
- Graduation from FBI National Academy in 2008
- Exceptional Unit Award in 2010
- Exceptional Police Service in 2010; and,

WHEREAS, Deputy Chief Kirk served the citizens of Fort Pierce for 33 years with honor and selfless commitment toward Protecting Our Community making Fort Pierce a safer place for our citizens; and,

WHEREAS, Deputy Chief Gregory L. Kirk has chosen to retire on June 20, 2014.

NOW, THEREFORE, I Linda Hudson, Mayor of the City of Fort Pierce, acting on behalf of and with the full support of the City Commission of the City of Fort Pierce, Florida do hereby issue this proclamation in honor of

DEPUTY CHIEF OF POLICE GREGORY L. KIRK

in appreciation and recognition for his honorable and loyal service to the City of Fort Pierce.