

*WHEREAS*, hunger and poverty are issues of grave concern in the United States, the State of Florida, the Treasure Coast and the City of Fort Pierce; and

*WHEREAS*, the City of Fort Pierce is committed to taking steps to raise awareness about the need to combat hunger in every part of our county and to provide additional resources that citizens of the City of Fort Pierce need; and

*WHEREAS*, the City of Fort Pierce is committed to working with Treasure Coast Food Bank in educating people about the role and importance of food banks in addressing hunger and raising awareness of the need to devote more resources and attention to hunger issues; and

*WHEREAS*, more than 100,000 individuals on the Treasure Coast and in the City of Fort Pierce rely on food provided by the Treasure Coast Food Bank annually; and

*WHEREAS*, Treasure Coast Food Bank distributed more than ten million meals in 2013 through its network of food pantries, soup kitchens, shelters and other community organizations; and

*WHEREAS*, food banks across the country, including the Treasure Coast Food Bank – will host numerous events throughout the month of September to bring awareness and attention to encourage involvement in efforts to end hunger in their local community;

*NOW, THEREFORE*, I, Linda Hudson, Mayor of the City of Fort Pierce, Florida, do hereby proclaim that September 2014 be observed as:

## *“Hunger Action Month”*

and urge all citizens and businesses to become involved in efforts to end hunger in our community.

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 2nd day of September, 2014.

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MAYOR COMMISSIONER