

WHEREAS, domestic violence is a serious crime that affects people of all races, ages, gender, and income levels; and

WHEREAS, domestic violence is widespread and affects over four million Americans each year; and

WHEREAS, one in three Americans have witnessed an incident of domestic violence; and

WHEREAS, domestic violence costs the nation billions of dollars annually in medical expenses, police and court costs, shelters, foster care, sick leave absenteeism, and non-productivity; and

WHEREAS, only a coordinated community effort will put a stop to this terrible crime.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, LINDA HUDSON, Mayor of the City of Fort Pierce, Florida, do hereby proclaim the month of October as:

“Domestic Violence Awareness Month”

and urge all citizens to take advantage of the opportunity to learn more about preventing domestic violence and to support the worthy organizations and individuals who provide critical advocacy, services and assistance to the victims.

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 6th day of October, 2014.

MAYOR COMMISSIONER