

WHEREAS, each year Americans observe National Hispanic Heritage month from September 15 to October 15 by celebrating the histories, cultures and contributions of American citizens whose ancestors came from Spain, Mexico, the Caribbean and Central and South America; and

WHEREAS, the observation started in 1968 as Hispanic History Week under President Lyndon Johnson and was expanded by President Ronald Reagan in 1988 to cover a 30-day period; it was enacted into law on August 17, 1988 and approved by Public Law 100-402; and

WHEREAS, according to the 2010 U.S. Census, 22.6% of residents within the City of Fort Pierce, 16.8% of St. Lucie County residents and 22.9% of residents within the State of Florida are Hispanic; and

WHEREAS, there are many hard working citizens of Hispanic origin who own and operate businesses within the City of Fort Pierce; and

WHEREAS, the Latin American Coalition in conjunction with the Hispanic Advertising Group organized and held a successful celebration on Saturday, October 18, 2014 in the City of Fort Pierce.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Linda Hudson, Mayor of the City of Fort Pierce, Florida, do hereby proclaim September 15 to October 15, as:

“National Hispanic Heritage Month”

in 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 20th day of October, 2014.

MAYOR COMMISSIONER