

WHEREAS, Judge Ralph Flowers, a Florida native, arrived in Fort Pierce, Florida in 1959 to serve as the band director for Lincoln Park Academy after receiving his Bachelor of Arts degree in Instrumental Music from Florida A & M University on a Florida State Teachers' Scholarship and serving as a lieutenant in the U.S. Army; and

WHEREAS, Judge Flowers returned to Florida A & M University to continue his education graduating with a Masters Degree in Education and a Juris Doctorate Degree in Law; and

WHEREAS, after winning his first legal case in 1970 which received national and international media attention, Judge Flowers progressed to serve as a prosecutor for Riviera Beach and Fort Pierce. He was appointed as a Fort Pierce City Judge in 1973 and held that position until 1976; and

WHEREAS, Judge Flowers has received many honors including the 1975 State of Florida Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity "Man of the Year" award and the 1997 NAACP Outstanding Achievement Award; and

WHEREAS, Judge Flowers was a tireless leader committed to fighting for justice and equality in his community.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Linda Hudson, Mayor of the City of Fort Pierce, Florida, do hereby issue this proclamation posthumously in honor of:

"Judge Ralph Flowers"

a Florida native and committed advocate for the residents of 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 3rd day of November, 2014.

MAYOR COMMISSIONER