

WHEREAS, Officer James Aikens began his career as a police officer with the Fort Pierce Police Department on October 10, 1983; and,

WHEREAS, Officer James Aikens was deeply devoted and committed to his responsibilities as a member of the Fort Pierce Police Department; and,

WHEREAS, Over his career, Officer James Aikens served as a patrol officer, vice detective, crime prevention specialist, community policing officer, lead hostage negotiator, crisis intervention team member, tactical instructor, and acting sergeant, and,

WHEREAS, During his term of service, Officer James Aikens received several prestigious awards, including:

- One Hundred Club Officer of the Year in 1991
- Exceptional Duty Award in 1996
- Officer of the Quarter in 1995 and 1999
- Officer of the Year in 1999
- National Association of Police Organizations TOP COPS Nominee in 1999
- International Association of Chiefs of Police Officer of the Year Nominee in 1999
- American Legion, Post #40 Officer of the Year in 1999
- Lifesaving Award in 2005
- Exceptional Police Service in 2007, and

WHEREAS, Officer James Aikens, throughout his career, received numerous letters of appreciation from citizens and other law enforcement agencies for the professional manner in which he has handled his assignments; and,

WHEREAS, Officer James Aikens served the citizens of Fort Pierce for 31 years with honor and selfless commitment toward Protecting Our Community making Fort Pierce a safer place for our citizens; and,

WHEREAS, Officer James Aikens has chosen to retire on December 1, 2014.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Linda Hudson, Mayor of the City of Fort Pierce, Florida, 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

OFFICER JAMES AIKENS

in appreciation and recognition for his honorable and loyal service to 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 17th day of November, 2014.

MAYOR COMMISSIONER