

WHEREAS, The Liberty Tree (1646-1775) was a famous elm tree that stood in Boston, near Boston Common, in the days before the American Revolution. The Tree was a rallying point for the growing resistance to the rule of Britain over the American colonies; and

WHEREAS, in the years that followed, almost every American town had its own Liberty Tree that served as a living symbol of popular support for individual liberty and resistance to tyranny. In some locales, a Liberty Pole rather than a tree served the same purpose; and

WHEREAS, when news of the Liberty Tree spread throughout the colonies, local patriots in each of the thirteen colonies formed a Sons of Liberty group and identified a large tree or erected a pole to be used as a meeting place. In those times, holding an unauthorized assembly was dangerous business that carried threats of imprisonment or death. The casual appearance of a group chatting beneath a tree was much safer; and

WHEREAS, The National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) was organized on April 30, 1889. The SAR was conceived as a fraternal and civic society composed of lineal descendants of the men who wintered at Valley Forge, signed the Declaration of Independence, fought in battles of the American Revolution, served in the Continental Congress, or otherwise supported the cause of American Independence; and

WHEREAS, The Fort Pierce Women's Club and the Fort Pierce Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution both celebrated their 100th Anniversary in 2014 and for that reason, the Florida Sons of the American Revolution feels it fitting that the first tree in St. Lucie County be in Fort Pierce; and

WHEREAS, Florida Sons of the American Revolution will be dedicating the first "Liberty Tree" in St. Lucie County at the Fort Pierce Women's Club on March 28, 2015.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Linda Hudson, Mayor of the City of Fort Pierce, Florida, do hereby issue this proclamation to recognize the dedication of the:

"LIBERTY TREE"

in the City of Fort Pierce and urge all citizens to join in the festivities on March 28, 2015.

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 February, 2015.

MAYOR COMMISSIONER