

WHEREAS in 1976, Black History Month evolved from what was originally established as Negro History Week in 1926 by Dr. Carter G. Woodson, a noted African-American author and scholar. He realized the importance of providing a theme to focus the attention of the public; and

WHEREAS African-Americans play a significant role in the history of our country from its earliest days to our leaders of today; and

WHEREAS Black History Month is a time for all to reflect on the rich history and teachings of African-Americans whose contributions enrich our heritage and to acknowledge the legacy of their achievements; and

WHEREAS the celebration of Black History Month provides us an opportunity to embrace peace, justice and healing through acts of kindness, hugs and mutual respect of others.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Linda Hudson, Mayor of the City of Fort Pierce, Florida, do hereby proclaim the month of February 2015 as:

“Black History Month – A Month of Peace, Justice and Healing”

in the City of Fort Pierce and encourage all citizens to participate in random acts of kindness, hugs and healing in honor of the contributions of Black Americans.

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