

WHEREAS, many times when individuals and families need help in meeting life's basic needs or are experiencing times of crisis, they are not sure where to turn; and

WHEREAS, 2-1-1 is an easy to remember, easy to use, three-digit number recognized as the central linkage point in providing individuals and families with the guidance, support and information they need to solve their problems; and with the crisis intervention and suicide prevention they seek to keep them safe; and

WHEREAS, the City of Fort Pierce is fortunate to have 2-1-1 HelpLine, a service that is available any time of day or night that enables individuals and families to get the help they need; and

WHEREAS, 211's specialized advocacy and support services also include the "Help Me Grow Initiative" which helps link vulnerable families to crucial services while 211's life-saving "Sunshine" daily phone calls continue to positively impact the lives of local housebound/isolated seniors—all at no cost to those participating; and

WHEREAS, 2-1-1 HelpLine service is free, confidential, available 24/7, with highly trained staff who assist thousands of individuals in need of crisis intervention, assessment and referrals to community services. The staff at 211 will continue to provide that warm voice at the other end of the line, the caring assistance to the people of our community, and "Hope when you need it most!"

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Linda Hudson, Mayor of the City of Fort Pierce, Florida, do hereby proclaim February 11 - 17, 2015, as:

“2-1-1 Awareness Week”

and urge all citizens to be aware of the only telephone number they need to know to access information and referral to programs and services at over 3,000 sites in our community that provide assistance in such areas as Health Care, Insurance, Volunteering, Food, Day Care, Mental Health Counseling, Support Groups, Financial Assistance, etc.

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