

WHEREAS, Eugene E. Sereg (Gene) has been a leader in promoting St. Lucie County and Fort Pierce communities since he moved here in 1986; and

WHEREAS, among Mr. Sereg's service to his community includes: 24 years as a Board Member with Main Street Fort Pierce; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Sereg volunteered at Friday Fest for over 25 years. He was a key player in all decisions that are made and assists with the management of the event; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Sereg was instrumental in starting the Sights and Sounds on Second Street Christmas Festival and Parade bring people to downtown Fort Pierce. Today the parade has over 70 entries and approximately 8,000 people attend; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Sereg's signature and favorite event is the Ghosts of Fort Pierce Past Historic Walking Tour. For 8 years, he has been a reenactment participant. Gene is part of a Civil War 75th OVI enactors group and over the last few years has brought his friends of this group to our event. The soldiers with the cannon at the gazebo are a highlight of the walking tour; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Sereg was a national speaker for the Main Street conference in Nashville, on a program called Crime Prevention Thru Environmental Design. He received a plaque from the Attorney General of Florida for being the State Main Street Volunteer of the Year; and

WHEREAS, additional volunteer accomplishments include: Mr. Sereg is the Vice President of The Fraternal Order of Police Lodge #41, a den leader with Cub Scouts Pack 402, a Life Member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, a member of American Legion Post 318, teaches safety at Oak Hammock K-8 School, a Major in the 75th Ohio Volunteers Civil War Unit where he holds the position of Provost Marshal in the State of Florida; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Sereg's professional history includes: retired from the Navy as a Master Chief, retired from the Dutchess County Sheriff's Department in New York, retired from the Fort Pierce Police department, retired from the St. Lucie County Sheriff's Department and has returned to the St. Lucie County Sheriff's Department as a bailiff at the St. Lucie County courthouse.

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

*Eugene "Gene" E. Sereg*

in appreciation and recognition of his tireless community work.

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 2<sup>nd</sup> day of March, 2015.

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MAYOR COMMISSIONER