

WHEREAS, fighting fires is one of the most hazardous professions, requiring physical strength, stamina, extensive training, courage, selfless concern for the welfare of our citizens; and

WHEREAS, in addition to their daily service to our communities, Firefighters throughout the state and across the nation have joined the Muscular Dystrophy Association for over 60 years in the fight against neuromuscular diseases; and

WHEREAS, Firefighters in the state of Florida collected over \$1,300,000 last year in over 300 communities including St. Lucie County Fire District and Firefighter Local 1377 who raised \$36,037 with their 2014 "Fill the Boot" campaign for the MDA; and

WHEREAS, the Muscular Dystrophy Association is extremely grateful to the St. Lucie County Fire District and Firefighter Local 1377 for their support and dedication. The funds collected by St. Lucie County Fire District and Firefighter Local 1377 assist the MDA in providing medical services at local clinics, summer camp, research grants, support groups, and public education seminars at no cost to local children and families; and

WHEREAS, in honor of the daily efforts of the firefighters of St. Lucie County Fire District and Firefighter Local 1377, and their loyalty and commitment to MDA, the Muscular Dystrophy Association is sponsoring "St. Lucie County Fire District and Firefighter Local 1377 Firefighter Appreciation Month;" and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate for all City of Fort Pierce citizens to join the Muscular Dystrophy Association in this tribute to our Firefighters.

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

*ST. LUCIE COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT AND FIREFIGHTER
LOCAL 1377 FIREFIGHTER APPRECIATION MONTH*

in the City of Fort Pierce and commend the Firefighters of St. Lucie County for their efforts on behalf of the Muscular Dystrophy Association.

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 16th day of March, 2014.

MAYOR COMMISSIONER