

- WHEREAS, service to others is a hallmark of the American character, and central to how we meet our challenges; and
- WHEREAS, the nation's counties and cities are increasingly turning to national service and volunteerism as a cost-effective strategy to meet community needs; and
- WHEREAS, participants in AmeriCorps and Senior Corps address the most pressing challenges facing our cities and nation, from educating students for jobs of the 21st century and supporting veterans and military families to providing health services and helping communities recover from natural disasters; and
- WHEREAS, national service expands economic opportunity by creating more sustainable, resilient communities and providing education, career skills, and leadership abilities for those who serve; and
- WHEREAS, AmeriCorps and Senior Corps participants serve in more than 60,000 locations across the country, including nine elementary schools in St. Lucie County and 14 on the Treasure Coast, bolstering the civic, neighborhood, and faith-based organizations that are so vital to our county's economic and social well-being; and
- WHEREAS, more than 45 national service participants of all ages and backgrounds serve on the Treasure Coast, providing vital support to county residents and improving the quality of life in our county; and
- WHEREAS, national service participants increase the impact of the organizations they serve, both through their direct service and by managing millions of additional volunteers; and
- WHEREAS, national service represents a unique public-private partnership that invests in community solutions and leverages non-federal resources to strengthen community impact and increase the return on taxpayer dollars; and
- WHEREAS, national service participants demonstrate commitment, dedication, and patriotism by making an intensive commitment to service, a commitment that remains with them in their future endeavors; and
- WHEREAS, the Corporation for National and Community Service shares a priority with mayors nationwide to engage citizens, improve lives, and strengthen communities; and is joining with the National League of Cities, City of Service, and mayors across the country to recognize the impact of service on the Mayors Day of Recognition for National Service on April 7, 2015.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Linda Hudson, Mayor of the City of Fort Pierce, Florida, do hereby proclaim April 7, 2015 as:

National Service Recognition Day

and encourage residents to recognize the positive impact of national service in our county and thank those who serve; and to find ways to give back to their communities.

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 6th day of April, 2015.

MAYOR COMMISSIONER