

WHEREAS, the week of April 6–12, 2015, is National Public Health Week, and since 1995 the American Public Health Association has provided this opportunity as a tool to educate the public, policymakers and public health professionals about issues important to improving the public’s health; and

WHEREAS, during this National Public Health Week, Larry J. Lee is being recognized as a Public Health Champion for his leadership, work ethic, tireless efforts and commitment as a County Health Officer where he took a broad perspective on public health. Through his strong efforts and mobilization of community partners, the HIV/AIDS epidemic was addressed and the rate was drastically reduced along with the implementation of an HIV course “Get Real about AIDS” now a part of the St. Lucie County schools curriculum; and

WHEREAS, under Mr. Lee’s direction, teen pregnancy numbers decreased and our current efforts to fight violence from a public health perspective through the Restoring the Village, the Comprehensive Gang Model and the Common Good Initiative, continue to play a vital role in our community and continue to contribute immensely to their success; and

WHEREAS, under Larry J. Lee’s leadership, the HANDS Clinic of St. Lucie County opened a medical care facility for uninsured, low-income residents again, continuing to stay the course, clinical and patient-focused; and

WHEREAS, before moving to Florida, Larry J. Lee began his work with the City of Minneapolis directing economic development and neighborhood redevelopment programs. Prior to that, he directed urban planning and community development departments for various city governments; and

WHEREAS, Larry J. Lee had over thirty-five years of public administration experience; he was a registered nurse, held a Master’s Degree in education and human resources administration, and a Bachelor’s Degree in political science; and

WHEREAS, Larry J. Lee joined the Florida Department of Health in St. Lucie County in 1996 as the Human Resources Manager; he served as deputy administrator and was appointed Administrator of DOH-St. Lucie in 2005; and

WHEREAS, Larry J. Lee served the community through service on various boards including Indian River State College Advisory Committees, Central Florida Regional Domestic Security Task Force, Shared Services Alliance Treasure Coast Hospice, St. Lucie Parent Academy, Florida Association of County Health Officers many others; and

WHEREAS, Larry J. Lee’s passing on February 27, 2015, was sudden, but he leaves a team of dedicated health care and community minded employees who will continue his efforts by working diligently to protect, promote, and stay the course for improving the health of all people in the City of Fort Pierce.

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

LARRY J. LEE

in recognition of his outstanding and dedicated service to the City of Fort Pierce and St. Lucie County.

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