

WHEREAS, Officer Paul Pearson began his career on January 21, 1988, as a police reserve officer with the Fort Pierce Police Department and then on September 20, 1988, Officer Pearson became a full-time police officer with the Fort Pierce Police Department; and

WHEREAS, Officer Pearson was deeply devoted and committed to his responsibilities as a member of the Fort Pierce Police Department; and

WHEREAS, Over his career, Officer Pearson served as a patrol officer, crime prevention specialist, field training officer (FTO), department instructor, acting sergeant and Honor Guard; and

WHEREAS, Officer Pearson's strong commitment to community involvement is demonstrated most notably by his implementation of the Fort Pierce Athletic League in 1995; starting with 3 youth to over 700 today; and

WHEREAS, During his term of service, Officer Pearson received several prestigious awards, including:

- Officer of the Quarter in 1992 and 2003
- Lifesaving Award in 1993
- Exceptional Duty Award in 1996 and 2002
- Florida's Crime Prevention Association Officer of the Year Award in 1996
- Palm Beach Post Distinguished Law Officer of the Year Award in 1997
- American Legion Post 40 Officer of the Year Award in 1998
- Who's Who of Prevention Leaders in Florida Award in 2005

WHEREAS, Officer Pearson, throughout his career, received numerous letters of appreciation from citizens and other law enforcement agencies for the professional manner in which he has handled his assignments; and

WHEREAS, Officer Pearson served the citizens of Fort Pierce for 27 years with honor and selfless commitment toward Protecting Our Community making Fort Pierce a safer place for our citizens; and

WHEREAS, Officer Pearson has chosen to retire on June 3, 2015.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Linda Hudson, Mayor of the City of Fort Pierce, Florida, acting on behalf of and with the full support of the City Commission of the City of Fort Pierce, Florida do hereby issue this proclamation in honor of

OFFICER PAUL PEARSON

in appreciation and recognition for his honorable and loyal service to the City of Fort Pierce.

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 15th day of June, 2015.

MAYOR COMMISSIONER