

- WHEREAS, The Honor Flight Network was created in 2005 and consists of 141 hubs (chapters) in 43 states; the Southeast Florida Honor Flight was founded in 2009; and
- WHEREAS, Over 16 million men and women served during World War II, and in 2015, an estimated 855,000 are still alive; and
- WHEREAS, the median age of World War II Veterans is 95 years and on average, 500 veterans die each and every day; and
- WHEREAS, the Honor Flight Network has flown over 150,000 United States Veterans to Washington, D.C. to visit the memorials created to honor them, and Southeast Florida Honor Flight has flown over 2,500 World War II veterans to Washington, D.C. since 2009; and
- WHEREAS, Over 100 dedicated volunteers serve the veterans involved with the Southeast Florida Honor Flight Program, there is no paid staff and it acts as a one hundred percent volunteer organization; and
- WHEREAS, Veterans who have patriotically and faithfully served our country and have sacrificed to fight for our country's freedom and right for a democratic society are deserving of the recognition and gratitude of this community; and
- WHEREAS, July is the month during which the United States chooses to celebrate its independence, freedom, and the Constitution which provides for its citizens right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.

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

Southeast Florida Honor Flight

in appreciation and recognition of their dedication and service to the honorable veterans of our community, particularly those whose bravery and service in World War II helped ensure our country's freedom.

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 July, 2015.

MAYOR COMMISSIONER