

WHEREAS domestic violence transcends all ethnic, racial and socioeconomic boundaries. Its perpetrators abuse their victims both physically and mentally, and the effects of the attacks are far reaching; and

WHEREAS because domestic violence usually takes place in private, many Americans may not realize how widespread it is. Each year in the United States, approximately 1.5 million women are raped and/or physically assaulted by their current or former husbands, partners and/or boyfriends; and

WHEREAS during the month of October, Americans should consider the wounds that domestic violence leaves on our society and what each of us can do to prevent it; and

WHEREAS through education, awareness and enforcement, we are striving to prevent domestic violence and sexual assault. We hope to create a society that refuses to tolerate domestic violence in any form.

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

## “National Domestic Violence Awareness Month”

in the City of Fort Pierce and urge all citizens to work toward the elimination of personal violence against women.

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 21<sup>st</sup> day of September, 2015.

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MAYOR COMMISSIONER