

WHEREAS, Alzheimer's disease, a progressive neurodegenerative brain disorder, tragically robs individuals of their memories and leads to progressive mental and physical impairments; and

WHEREAS, over 5.3 million Americans are living with Alzheimer's disease, including an estimated 200,000 under age 65 living with younger-onset Alzheimer's disease; included in this number are an estimated 500,000 individuals in the State of Florida of which an estimated 40,000 reside in St. Lucie County; and

WHEREAS, every 67 seconds, someone in the United States develops Alzheimer's disease, the sixth leading cause of death in America; and

WHEREAS, Alzheimer's disease is the only cause of death among the top ten causes of death in America that cannot be prevented, cured or even slowed; and

WHEREAS, in 2015 in the United States, 15.7 million caregivers provided an estimated 17.9 billion hours of unpaid care valued at more than 220 billion dollars; in Florida, over 1 million caregivers provided over 1 billion hours of unpaid care valued at an estimated 16 billion dollars; and

WHEREAS, Alzheimer's disease is the most expensive disease in the United States and in 2015 the direct costs to American society of caring for those with Alzheimer's disease will total an estimated 226 billion dollars; and

WHEREAS, the human cost of Alzheimer's disease is immeasurable and in recognition of the individuals, families, friends and caregivers dealing with Alzheimer's disease, the researchers who are seeking a cause or cure; and

WHEREAS, the State of Florida and the City of Fort Pierce recognize the efforts of the Alzheimer's Association to raise funds and promote awareness to fight Alzheimer's disease and related disorders, thereby improving the quality of human life for those living with Alzheimer's disease and their caregivers.

NOW, THEREFORE, I Linda Hudson, Mayor of the City of Fort Pierce, Florida, do hereby proclaim September 21, 2015, as:

## *Alzheimer's Awareness Day*

in the City of Fort Pierce and urge all residents to raise awareness in our community for this devastating disease through the Annual Treasure Coast Walk to End Alzheimer's on Saturday, October 3, 2015.

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 21st day of September, 2015.

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MAYOR COMMISSIONER