

WHEREAS, the citizens place high value on local control over community services and therefore have chosen to operate a community owned, locally controlled, not-for-profit electric utility and, as consumers and owners of our electric utility, have a direct say in utility operations and policies; and

WHEREAS, Fort Pierce Utilities Authority provides homes, businesses, farms, social service, and local government agencies with reliable, efficient, and cost-effective electricity employing sound business practices designed to ensure the best possible service at not-for-profit rates; and

WHEREAS, Fort Pierce Utilities Authority is a valuable community asset that contributes substantially to the well-being of local citizens through energy efficiency, customer service, environmental protection, economic development, and safety awareness; and

WHEREAS, Fort Pierce Utilities Authority has also taken on additional stewardship for our community's information infrastructure through a broadband network providing (Internet/cable/ telephone, etc., services), expanding community and economic development opportunities; and

WHEREAS, Fort Pierce Utilities Authority is a dependable and trustworthy institution whose local operation provides many consumer protections and continues to make our community a better place to live and work, and contributes to protecting the global environment; and

WHEREAS, Fort Pierce Utilities Authority will continue to work to bring lower-cost, safe, reliable electricity to community homes and businesses just as it has since 1912, the year when the utility was created to serve all the citizens of Fort Pierce, FL.

NOW, THEREFORE, I Linda Hudson, Mayor of the City of Fort Pierce, Florida, do hereby proclaim the week of October 4-10, 2015, as:

## *Public Power Week*

in the City of Fort in order to honor Fort Pierce Utilities Authority for its contributions to the community and ask that our community joins hands with more than 2,000 other public power systems in the United States in this celebration of public power, which is best for consumers, business, the community, and the nation.

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 5th day of October, 2015.

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MAYOR COMMISSIONER