

WHEREAS, for more than a century, Children's Home Society of Florida has upheld our legacy of transforming the lives of children and families; and

WHEREAS, on any given day approximately 125-175 children are awaiting adoptions on the Treasure Coast and in the last three years over 350 children have been given the gift of forever families; and

WHEREAS, Children's Home Society of Florida, Treasure Coast Division, works diligently with The Department of Children & Families to ensure that every child has a forever family; and

WHEREAS, children waiting for adoptive parents and families who have adopted these children require and deserve community and agency support; and

WHEREAS, Children's Home Society of Florida, along with its community partners, embraces opportunities that can potentially change the way society cares for children and youth.

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

## *National Adoption Awareness Month*

in the City of Fort Pierce and encourage community agencies, religious organizations, business and others to celebrate adoption, honor families that grow through adoption, further an awareness of the changes and issues in adoption, and focus attention on those children who live in the shadow of an uncertain future while they await forever families.

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 2<sup>nd</sup> day of November, 2015.

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MAYOR COMMISSIONER