

WHEREAS, fighting fires is one of the most hazardous professions, requiring physical strength, stamina, extensive training, courage, and selfless concern for the welfare of our citizens; and

WHEREAS, in addition to their daily service to our communities, Fire Fighters throughout the state and across the nation have joined the Muscular Dystrophy Association for the past 61 years in the fight against neuromuscular diseases; and

WHEREAS, Florida Fire Fighters collected over \$1.4 million in over 300 communities including the St. Lucie County Fire Fighters with their 2016 “Fill the Boot” campaign for the MDA, again making them the MDA’s largest source of funding; and

WHEREAS, the funds collected by the St. Lucie County Fire Fighters assist the MDA in providing medical services at local clinics, summer camp, research grants, support groups, and public education seminars at no cost to local children and families; and

WHEREAS, in honor of the efforts of the St. Lucie County Fire Fighters, the Muscular Dystrophy Association is sponsoring the “St. Lucie County Fire Fighter Appreciation Month”; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate for all citizens to join the Muscular Dystrophy Association in this tribute to our fire fighters.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Linda Hudson, Mayor of the City of Fort Pierce, Florida, do hereby proclaim March 2016:

St. Lucie County Fire Fighter Appreciation Month

and urge all citizens of our community to commend the St. Lucie County Fire Fighters for their efforts on behalf of the Muscular Dystrophy Association.

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 March, 2016

MAYOR COMMISSIONER