

WHEREAS, volunteerism strengthens communities, improves social problems, and enhances the overall quality of life for all citizens; and

WHEREAS, volunteering changes the lives of volunteers in a positive way, increasing self-confidence, self-esteem and physical wellbeing; offering the chance to meet new friends and associates; and providing opportunities to learn new skills and abilities; and

WHEREAS, volunteerism is proven to have a positive influence on businesses that are socially responsible, increasing employee moral; loyalty and teamwork; and building goodwill toward the company; and

WHEREAS, nonprofits, charities, community and faith-based groups, schools and national service programs in Fort Pierce have joined together with state and local governments in celebration and praise of volunteers who have given tirelessly and selflessly to the service of others.

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

*“Fort Pierce Volunteer Month”*

and call upon all citizens to promote the spirit of volunteerism, and to observe the month with the appropriate activities and programs.

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 4th day of April, 2016.

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MAYOR / COMMISSIONER