

WHEREAS, serious mental illness affects one in every five Americans – children, adolescents and adults; and

WHEREAS, one in 17 adults live with mental illness such as major depression, bipolar disorder or schizophrenia; and

WHEREAS, scientific research is constantly working toward breakthroughs in the understanding of mental illness, resulting in more effective treatments to allow people to reclaim full and productive lives; and

WHEREAS, early identification and treatment can make a profound difference in successful management of mental illness and recovery; and

WHEREAS, misunderstandings about mental illness often wrongly impose a stigma on individuals coping with mental illness; and

WHEREAS, in 2014 there were 46 suicides in St. Lucie County; and

WHEREAS, every citizen and community can make a difference in helping to improve the lives of individuals and families affected by mental illness; and

WHEREAS, our community’s mental health providers of recovery-oriented behavioral health services, remain committed to improving the quality of life for individuals and families in our community.

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

“Mental Health Awareness Month”

to increase public awareness of mental health and to promote treatment and recovery.

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 2nd day of May, 2016.

MAYOR COMMISSIONER