

WHEREAS, emergency medical professionals provide medical care to victims of sudden, life-threatening injuries and illnesses, often under stressful conditions in high-risk situations, in order to save lives; and

WHEREAS, Florida's residents and visitors benefit daily from the knowledge, skill and judgment of paramedics, emergency medical technicians, firefighters, educators, administrators, emergency physicians, emergency nurses and others who encompass the emergency medical services system; and

WHEREAS, emergency medical personnel must rapidly assess, manage and effectively provide care in unpredictable situations requiring life and death judgements; and

WHEREAS, it is critical that the general public be made aware of, understand, support and effectively use its local emergency medical services systems; and

WHEREAS, this year's theme is: "EMS Strong: Called to Care;" and

WHEREAS, recognition is due for the emergency medical system for its accomplishments and contributions to improve public welfare through health care, medical transportation, injury prevention, education, disaster response, homeland security and other initiatives that reduce health care costs and save lives.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Linda Hudson, Mayor of the City of Fort Pierce, Florida, do hereby proclaim May 15-21, 2016, as:

"Emergency Medical Services Week"

and encourages the community to observe this week with appropriate programs, ceremonies and activities.

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 16th day of May, 2016.

MAYOR COMMISSIONER