

WHEREAS, Manufacturing is an important industry to the City of Fort Pierce providing skilled and unskilled jobs for the our residents; and

WHEREAS, it is estimated that approximately 45 manufacturers are located in Fort Pierce, employing over 1000 people; and

WHEREAS, late in 2015, Tammy Roncaglione and Jarrod Trefelnor of CenterState Bank, along with EDC's Pete Tesch, met with local manufacturers to discuss the formation of an organization whose mission would be to promote the collective interests of manufacturers, distribution centers and other wholesale operations.; and

WHEREAS, on August 12, 2016, the Treasure Coast Manufacturers' Association (the TCMA), a new private 501c(6) not-for-profit corporation, will host their first formal event where they will discuss the current state of manufacturing; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the TCMA is to promote the collective interests of manufacturing, distribution and wholesale trade companies, advocate public policy and focus on mutual areas of concern pertaining to the industry; and

WHEREAS, the Economic Development Council of St. Lucie County will provide administrative and programmatic support and professional staff to the organization as another way to demonstrate their ongoing commitment to enrich the economic growth and vitality of St. Lucie County through support and collaboration with both public and private partners.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Linda Hudson, Mayor of the City of Fort Pierce, Florida, do hereby issue this proclamation in appreciation of the:

Treasure Coast Manufacturers' Association

and urge all residents and business owners to support the efforts of the TCMA and the Economic Development Council as they continue to work hard to improve the economic climate of the City of Fort Pierce.

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 15th day of August, 2016.

MAYOR COMMISSIONER