

WHEREAS, Suncoast Mental Health Center and New Horizons Mental Health Primary care and Substance Abuse seeks to increase awareness and encourage continued discussion and action regarding mental health matters such as suicide recognizing that greater awareness is critical; and

WHEREAS, the total number of suicides has increased statewide from 1995 to 2016. South Florida has more suicides than murders, traffic fatalities combined, yet the stigma prevents open discussions; and

WHEREAS, September 10th has been known as World Suicide Prevention Day since 2003 as supported by the International Association of Suicide Prevention, of which the United States is represented along with 52 other countries worldwide.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Linda Hudson, Mayor of the City of Fort Pierce, Florida, do hereby proclaim September 10, 2016 as:

“Suicide Awareness Day”

in the City of Ft. Pierce, Florida and ask all citizens to observe this day by re-educating themselves about risk factors and resources, speaking up when someone they know is struggling, offering support and caring words to those around them, remembering those who have chosen to no longer be with us, and reaffirming the importance of working together to keep the community healthy.

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 6th day of September, 2016.

MAYOR COMMISSIONER