

WHEREAS, children bring joy and hope into our lives and are the key to a brighter future; and

WHEREAS, tragically, thousands of men, women and children are victims of criminal homicide in the United States every year, each leaving behind loved ones for whom the pain of their loss will produce deep and bitter grief; and

WHEREAS, parents and other family members who have survived the murder of a child need emotional support to help them cope with the acute sorrow of losing a loved one and facilitate the reconstruction of their lives; and

WHEREAS, the St. Lucie, Martin and Indian River chapter of the National Organization of Murdered Children is dedicated to helping families faced with the death of a child by providing ongoing emotional support, individual assistance, advocacy, and information about the criminal justice system.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Linda Hudson, Mayor of the City of Fort Pierce, Florida, do hereby proclaim September 25, 2016 as:

*“Parents of Murdered Children’s
Day of Remembrance”*

and encourage all Fort Pierce citizens to honor the memory of murder victims while working to raise awareness to the many tragic ways the violent death of a child affects a community.

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 19th day of September, 2016.

MAYOR COMMISSIONER