

*WHEREAS,* family involvement in a child's learning is critical to student success from preschool through college and sets the foundation for preparing our students to be life-long learners and meaningful contributors to society; and

*WHEREAS,* research shows that children whose fathers take active roles in their educational lives earn better grades, score higher on tests, enjoy school more and are more likely to graduate from high school and attend college; and

*WHEREAS,* research further indicates that when fathers are actively involved, students have fewer discipline problems and become more responsible adults; and

*WHEREAS,* a father is part of a good parent team and is critical to a strong family structure, and with encouragement and unconditional love, fathers guide their children and help them envision brighter futures; and

*WHEREAS,* even in a time when technology allows us to connect instantly with almost anyone on earth, there is still no substitute for a father's presence, care, and support; and

*WHEREAS,* a father who actively participates in the educational and social-emotional developmental life of a child is invaluable and irreplaceable as fathers provide essential contributions to our lives, our society and our nation.

*NOW, THEREFORE,* I, Linda Hudson, Mayor of the City of Fort Pierce, Florida, do hereby proclaim Wednesday, September 28, 2016 as:

### **“Dads take your Child to School Day”**

and urge all schools and citizens to participate in this event by inviting fathers, grandfathers, foster fathers, stepfathers, uncles, big brothers, and other significant male role models to participate

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 19<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2016.

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**MAYOR COMMISSIONER**