

WHEREAS domestic violence transcends all ethnic, racial and socioeconomic boundaries. Its perpetrators abuse their victims both physically and mentally, and the effects of the attacks are far reaching; and

WHEREAS because domestic violence usually takes place in private, many Americans may not realize how widespread it is. During one year, approximately 10 million women and men are physically abused by an intimate partner. Last year there were 1,466 domestic violence incidents reported in St. Lucie County;

WHEREAS during the month of October, Americans should consider the wounds that domestic violence leaves on our society and what each of us can do to prevent it; and

WHEREAS through education, awareness and enforcement, we are striving to prevent domestic violence and sexual assault. We hope to create a society that refuses to tolerate domestic violence in any form.

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

“National Domestic Violence Awareness Month”

in the City of Fort Pierce and urge all citizens to work toward the elimination of personal violence against women.

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 3rd day of October, 2016.

MAYOR COMMISSIONER