

WHEREAS, we, the citizens of Fort Pierce, FL, place high value on local control over community services and therefore have chosen to operate a community owned, locally controlled, not-for-profit electric, gas, water, and wastewater utility and, as consumers and owners of our utility, have a direct say in utility operations and policies; and

WHEREAS, Fort Pierce Utilities Authority provides our homes, businesses, farms, social services, and local government agencies with reliable, efficient, and cost-effective electric, gas, water, and wastewater services, employing sound business practices designed to ensure the best possible service at not-for-profit rates; and

WHEREAS, Fort Pierce Utilities Authority is a valuable community asset that contributes to the well-being of local citizens through energy efficiency, customer service, environmental protection, economic development, and safety awareness; and

WHEREAS, Fort Pierce Utilities Authority has also taken on additional stewardship for our community's information infrastructure through a broadband network providing Internet services, WHILE expanding community and economic development opportunities; and

WHEREAS, Fort Pierce Utilities Authority is a dependable and trustworthy institution whose local operation provides many consumer protections and continues to make our community a better place to live and work, and contributes to protecting the global environment.

WHEREAS, Fort Pierce Utilities Authority will continue to work to bring lower-cost, safe, reliable electricity to community homes and businesses just as it has since 1912, the year when the utility was created to serve all the citizens of Fort Pierce, FL.

NOW, THEREFORE, I Linda Hudson, Mayor of the City of Fort Pierce, Florida, do hereby proclaim the week of October 3-7, 2016, as:

## *Public Power Week*

in the City of Fort Pierce to recognize Fort Pierce Utilities Authority for its contributions to the community and to educate consumer-owners, policy makers, and employees on the benefits of public utility ownership

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 3<sup>rd</sup> day of October, 2016.

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MAYOR COMMISSIONER