

*WHEREAS,* Indian River State College has been nationally recognized for excellence as a Top Ten Finalist for the prestigious Aspen Prize for Community College Excellence; and

*WHEREAS,* IRSC has earned this distinction in consecutive Aspen Prize cycles, first earning the Top-Ten designation in 2015; and

*WHEREAS,* there are approximately 1,000 public institutions eligible for the award nationally and approximately one percent reach this point in the competition; and

*WHEREAS,* IRSC was commended for college-wide commitment to student success, delivering programs aligned with community needs, as a model for colleges across the country; and

*WHEREAS,* IRSC sees an astonishing 94% of its graduates go on to find employment or continue their pursuit of higher education; and

*WHEREAS,* IRSC is highly valued as a resource for workforce and economic development, with IRSC graduates typically earning more than twice the average entry wage in the four-county service area.

*NOW, THEREFORE,* I, Linda Hudson, Mayor of the City of Fort Pierce, Florida, do hereby issue this proclamation in honor of:

## *Indian River State College*

and urge all citizens and businesses to join the City of Fort Pierce in commending IRSC for its leadership in higher education and provision of accessible, affordable educational opportunities for our citizens, resulting in their career advancement, higher income and a better quality of life.

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 17th day of October, 2016.

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MAYOR COMMISSIONER