

WHEREAS, Buddy Bear Weekend was initially founded over 22 years ago by Kevin Bonura. The weekend long event to collect teddy bears for children to provide comfort during times of distress; and

WHEREAS, Buddy Bear Weekend drives awareness and aid to children who may be traumatized due to:

- Being hurt in an accident
- Being a victim of child abuse
- A traumatic situation due to sudden loss of home
- A situation due to sudden loss of parents
- Any other traumatic situation where a child is involved; and

WHEREAS, Buddy Bear Weekend has generated over 25,000 bears for children in trauma and it is growing; and

WHEREAS, Buddy Bear Weekend, held this year on November 18 – 19, is an awareness event that helps our children to be safe, secure, literate, healthy and knowledgeable in saving our earth.

NOW, THEREFORE, I Linda Hudson, Mayor of the City of Fort Pierce, Florida, do hereby proclaim November 18 -19, 2016, as:

Buddy Bear Weekend

in the City of Fort Pierce and we urge all citizens to “Show you care... Give a bear”.

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 7th day of November, 2016.

MAYOR COMMISSIONER