

WHEREAS, Mustard Seed Ministries is an outreach organization working cooperatively to provide assistance for individuals and families struggling to make ends meet; and

WHEREAS, Mustard Seed has served over 200,000 meals by over 2,000 community volunteers, students and schools, churches, colleges and business owners each year; and

WHEREAS, The Thanksgiving Community Feast was started by Reverend Carl Junker in 1986 on Avenue D and Angle Road under a tent with about 100 people from the community; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Carl felt it was important to feed the hunger, those who were alone, and a way for others to come and volunteer to show what they are thankful for; and

WHEREAS, in its 27<sup>th</sup> year, Mustard Seed Ministries continues to rally a feast team to serve nearly 8,000 Thanksgiving meals in St. Lucie County with main operations at the site of the historical St. Anastasia School House.

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

*Mustard Seed Ministries*

and urge all citizens to donate or volunteer for the Thanksgiving Feast.

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 21<sup>st</sup> day of November, 2016.

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MAYOR COMMISSIONER