

WHEREAS, the Downtown Fort Pierce Farmers' Market began operation in January 1997 on the waterfront in Downtown Fort Pierce; and

WHEREAS, the Market's mission is to provide healthy, fresh foods and horticultural products to Fort Pierce, St. Lucie County and surrounding areas, and to encourage commerce, entertainment and trade in Downtown Fort Pierce; and

WHEREAS, the Market is operated by an independent, not-for-profit organization whose Board of Directors represent a broad segment of the Treasure Coast; and

WHEREAS, the Market has operated continuously in Downtown Fort Pierce, at first seasonally, and in the last 10, year-round; and

WHEREAS, the Market attracts several thousand people to Downtown Fort Pierce each week and has become a Saturday morning tradition for residents and tourists; and

WHEREAS, attractions and events in Downtown Fort Pierce and St. Lucie County are promoted each week at the Market; and

WHEREAS, the Market operates rain or shine and showcases a variety of local entertainers who perform weekly at the Market; and

WHEREAS, the Market is funded by market vendor fees, with support from the City of Fort Pierce.

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

***DOWNTOWN FORT PIERCE FARMERS'  
MARKET 20<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY***

and urge all citizens to visit the Downtown Fort Pierce Farmers' Market on Saturdays and recognize the valued contributions it has brought to this community.

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 January, 2017.

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MAYOR/COMMISSIONER