

- WHEREAS, St. Lucie Public Schools has the goal of helping every student in the K-12 system to read at or above grade level and making literacy the priority for every student; and
- WHEREAS, a supportive literacy culture of our schools will enable students to be successful in the 21st century from pre-kindergarten to postsecondary by raising expectations of teachers and students; and
- WHEREAS, involvement in literacy programs and projects is increased through school and community awareness of such programs; and
- WHEREAS, promoting the enjoyment of reading for all ages, children to adults, increases literacy rates; and
- WHEREAS, parents, families, neighbors, and mentors play a crucial role in helping children learn to read; and
- WHEREAS, Just Read, Florida!, is a comprehensive, coordinated reading initiative aimed at helping students become successful, independent readers; and
- WHEREAS, the Florida Department of Education's mission is to increase the proficiency of all students within one seamless, efficient system, by providing them with the opportunity to expand their knowledge and skills through research based learning opportunities valued by students, parents, and communities.
- WHEREAS, Rick Scott, Governor of the State of Florida, does hereby extend greetings and best wishes to all observing January 23-27, 2017, as Celebrate Literacy Week, Florida!

NOW, THEREFORE, I Linda Hudson, Mayor of the City of Fort Pierce, Florida, do hereby proclaim the week of January 23 – 27, 2017:

Celebrate Literacy Week

in the City of Fort Pierce and extend greetings and best wishes to all who observe.

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.

MAYOR/COMMISSIONER