

**WHEREAS,** we, the citizens of Fort Pierce, FL, place high value on local control over community services and therefore have chosen to operate a community owned, locally controlled, not-for-profit electric, gas, water, and wastewater utility and, as consumers and owners of our utility, have a direct say in utility operations and policies; and

**WHEREAS,** Fort Pierce Utilities Authority provides our homes, businesses, farms, social services, and local government agencies with reliable, efficient, and cost-effective electric, gas, water, and wastewater services, employing sound business practices designed to ensure the best possible service at not-for-profit rates; and

**WHEREAS,** Fort Pierce Utilities Authority is a valuable community asset that contributes to the well-being of local citizens through energy efficiency, customer service, environmental protection, economic development, and safety awareness; and

**WHEREAS,** Fort Pierce Utilities Authority has also taken on additional stewardship for our community's information infrastructure through a broadband network providing Internet services, WHILE expanding community and economic development opportunities; and

**WHEREAS,** Fort Pierce Utilities Authority is a dependable and trustworthy institution whose local operation provides many consumer protections and continues to make our community a better place to live and work, and contributes to protecting the global environment.

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I Linda Hudson, Mayor of the City of Fort Pierce, Florida, do hereby proclaim the week of October 2-6, 2017, as:

## ***Public Utility Week***

in the City of Fort Pierce to recognize Fort Pierce Utilities Authority for its contributions to the community and to educate consumer-owners, policy makers, and employees on the benefits of public utility ownership

**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 2<sup>nd</sup> day of October, 2017.

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**MAYOR COMMISSIONER**