

WHEREAS, for 150 years the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks (BPOE) has committed itself to generously honor and serve our nation's communities, veterans, and youth; and

WHEREAS, this Order has provided camps for physically handicapped children, prescription drug drop boxes for police stations, scholarships for students, and numerous programs and activities to cultivate community and empower those in need; and

WHEREAS, BPOE was founded in New York City in 1868 and celebrated its 150th anniversary this past February 16th. Since its founding, the Order is an American fraternal society committed to the virtues of charity, justice, brotherly love and fidelity; and

WHEREAS, their nearly one million members have exemplified this commitment by annually investing half a billion dollars in donations and resources into their local communities. Americans and Florida residents have received countless acts of goodwill performed by Elks members.

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

Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks

in appreciation and recognition of 150 years of service to our Nation, the City of Fort Pierce and St. Lucie County students, families, and 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 19th day of March, 2018.

MAYOR/COMMISSIONER