

**WHEREAS,** On April 22, 1970, millions of Americans, regardless of race, gender, income, geography or political affiliation, took to the streets, parks and auditoriums to demonstrate for a healthy, sustainable environment as a part of “Earth Day”; and

**WHEREAS,** Earth Day helped to build a movement which led to significant environmental initiatives and reforms, including the creation of the United States Environmental Protection Agency and the adoption of the Clean Air, Clean Water and Endangered Species Acts; and

**WHEREAS,** Earth Day continues as an annual event in communities across the world allowing more than a billion participants to raise awareness, recruit volunteers and complete good works for important environmental causes; and

**WHEREAS,** despite many important victories in improving our environment and protecting our air, water, wildlife and other natural resources, there are growing and ever present threats and challenges which we must address and overcome; and

**WHEREAS,** the City Commission, City staff members and our citizens have demonstrated a commitment to more than words, but leadership and actions, as reflected by investments in its natural resources, which include but are not limited to: its air, water, lands, Indian River Lagoon, Indian Hills Recreation Area and Stormwater projects, Veterans Memorial Park and Moore’s Creek.

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Linda Hudson, Mayor of the City of Fort Pierce, Florida, do hereby proclaim April, 2018, as:

## **Earth Month**

and urge all citizens to use this month to learn about the environment by attending various events planned, leading up to and including the 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Earth Day Festival at the Oxbow Eco-Center on April 21<sup>st</sup>, 2018.

**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 16<sup>th</sup> of April, 2018.

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**MAYOR/COMMISSIONER**