

**WHEREAS,** the month of May is an important time for the Haitian community, as it marks the anniversary of the birth of Toussaint Louverture, one of the leaders of the Haitian Revolution. It also marks the union of the black and mulatto officials for the Haitian Independence War.

**WHEREAS,** May 18, 1803 marks the creation of the first flag of the Republic sewn by Catherine Flon, goddaughter of Jean Jacques Dessalines, another hero in the Haitian Revolution on the last day of the Congress of Arcahaie.

**WHEREAS,** throughout the month, especially on May 18, the Haitian community will gather to celebrate their heritage and their flag through historical and cultural traditions and observances.

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I Linda Hudson, Mayor of the City of Fort Pierce, Florida, do hereby proclaim May 18, 2018, as:

## *Haitian Flag Day*

in the City of Fort Pierce and encourage all residents and visitors of Fort Pierce to attend the Haitian Flag Day Festival at the Port St. Lucie Civic Center at Center Place on Friday, May 18, 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 7<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2018.

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**MAYOR/COMMISSIONER**