

WHEREAS, there are more than 900,000 law enforcement officers serving in communities across the United States;

WHEREAS, there are more than 85,000 law enforcement officers serving in the state of Florida;

WHEREAS, since the first recorded death in 1791, more than 23,000 law enforcement officers in the United States with 813 being from the state of Florida have made the ultimate sacrifice and been killed in the line of duty;

WHEREAS, the names of these dedicated public servants are engraved on the walls of the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial in Washington, D.C. and Memorials throughout the country;

WHEREAS, 360 new names of fallen heroes that include 9 from Florida are being added to the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial this spring, including 129 officers killed in 2017 and 231 officers killed in previous years;

WHEREAS, 46 law enforcement officers in the United State have already paid the ultimate sacrifice this year, a 7% increase compared to this time in 2017.

WHEREAS, the service and sacrifice of all officers killed in the line of duty will be honored during the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund's 30th Annual Candlelight Vigil, on the evening of May 13, 2018;

WHEREAS, May 15 is designated as Peace Officers Memorial Day in honor of all fallen officers and their families and U.S. flags should be flown at half-staff;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Linda Hudson, Mayor of the City of Fort Pierce, Florida, do hereby proclaim May 13-19 2018, as

Police Week

and publicly salute the service of law enforcement officers in our community and in communities across the nation.

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 7th of May, 2018.

MAYOR/COMMISSIONER