

WHEREAS, myositis is a rare chronic and degenerative disease that includes polymyositis, dermatomyositis, juvenile dermatomyositis, and inclusion-body myositis, causing muscle inflammation and weakness and the degeneration of skeletal muscle tissues and other serious skin and organ complications over the course of several weeks, months or years; and

WHEREAS, there are currently more than 75,000 diagnosed cases of myositis in the United States, and there is no known cure for myositis, public education leading to early diagnosis and treatment are important; and

WHEREAS, The Myositis Association is committed to improving the life of those affected by inflammatory myopathies by supporting and educating patients and doctors and by promoting research into the causes, better diagnoses, treatments and a cure for myositis;

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

Myositis Awareness Month

in the City of Fort Pierce and call this observance to the attention of all the citizens.

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 21st day of May, 2018.

MAYOR/ COMMISSIONER