

WHEREAS, in the United States, one person dies by suicide every 12.8 minutes, with close to 45,000 reported deaths by suicide in our country during 2016;

WHEREAS, in our country, suicide is the 2nd leading cause of death for 10 - 34 year olds, and is the 10th leading cause of death for people of all ages;

WHEREAS, in St. Lucie County, the suicide rate is 14.1% with 48 “reported” suicides in 2017;

WHEREAS, each person’s death by suicide intimately affects at least six other people, with over 200,000 newly bereaved each year;

WHEREAS, far too many Floridians die by suicide each year, and most of these deaths are preventable.

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

“Suicide Awareness Month”

in the City of Fort Pierce and urge our residents to learn how they may help because Suicide Prevention Is Everyone’s Business.

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 4th day of September, 2018.

MAYOR COMMISSIONER