

**WHEREAS,** On August 13, 2018 a 1715 Spanish Plate Fleet cannon was recovered from the ocean waters off the Treasure Coast of Fort Pierce; and

**WHEREAS,** the 303 year old cannon was retrieved from a depth of about 15 feet with the use of an air bag and chains, towed back to the Fort Pierce Inlet and then to Fisherman's Wharf; and

**WHEREAS,** the cannon recovered was donated to the City of Fort Pierce by 1715 Fleet-Queens Jewels, LLC; and

**WHEREAS,** after a three year preservation process, the cannon will be moved into its new home at the Melody Lane Fishing Pier Plaza; and

**WHEREAS,** a lifelong resident of Fort Pierce, Captain John Brandon is Operations Manager of the 1715 Fleet-Queens Jewels, LLC and 45-year veteran of historic shipwreck exploration and recovery of the 1715 fleet wrecks, as well as other historic shipwrecks in the Florida Keys and the Bahamas; and

**WHEREAS,** a lifelong resident of Fort Pierce, Captain Dan Porter is President of Maritime Research and Recovery, LLC and has 20 years of historic shipwreck exploration and recovery of the 1715 fleet wrecks, as well as other historic shipwrecks in the Florida Keys, Bahamas and Panama.

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Linda Hudson, Mayor of the City of Fort Pierce, Florida, do hereby issue this proclamation in honor of:

## **Captain John Brandon & Captain Dan Porter**

in recognition for their generous time and effort in bringing this piece of history to Fort Pierce for all to enjoy.

**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 19th day of November, 2018.

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**MAYOR/COMMISSIONER**