

**WHEREAS,** April 2019 marks the 51<sup>st</sup> anniversary of the Fair Housing Act which provides equal opportunity for all Americans in the sale, rental and financing of housing, and prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, sex, religion, national origin, disability, marital status, familial status or age; and

**WHEREAS,** fair housing is the law of the United States government, and is consistent with the principles of equality and justice for all; and

**WHEREAS,** the principle of fair and equal housing is not only a national law and policy, but a fundamental human entitlement; and

**WHEREAS,** it is the solemn and sworn duty of government at all levels to protect and defend the rights of all its citizens and oppose housing discrimination whenever and wherever it occurs; and

**WHEREAS,** the City of Fort Pierce is committed to upholding the housing rights of all citizens through the City of Fort Pierce Code of Ordinances Chapter 8.5 Section 11-50 which prohibits housing discrimination based on race, color, sex, religion, national origin, disability, marital status, familial status, age, sexual orientation or gender identity or expression in the sale or rental of housing; and

**WHEREAS,** the City of Fort Pierce encourages all Realtors to provide equal professional services without discrimination based on race, color, religion, sex, familial status, handicap, sexual orientation, gender identity, or national origin; and

**WHEREAS,** the City of Fort Pierce, through public service announcements, community outreach campaigns, meetings and presentations will promote awareness of fair and equal opportunity in housing in Fort Pierce; and

**WHEREAS,** the month of April is officially set aside as Fair Housing Month throughout this United States of America.

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Linda Hudson, Mayor of the City of Fort Pierce, Florida, do hereby proclaim that do hereby proclaim the month of April 2019 as:

## **Fair Housing Month**

and urge all citizens to participate in appropriate activities to commemorate this event.

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 1<sup>st</sup> day of April, 2019.

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**MAYOR/COMMISSIONER**