

- WHEREAS,** the Fort Pierce Yacht Club was started in 1980 as an organization for sailors with an active interest in boating; and
- WHEREAS,** it has since grown into an active yacht club with fleet events designed for sailboats, power boats, and paddle boats; and
- WHEREAS,** today, the Fort Pierce Yacht Club has the most active fleet on the Treasure Coast and shares its assets by organizing community wide boating events including leading the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Boat Parade, sponsoring the Offshore KDW fishing tournament, and by hosting inter-club regattas which bring boating visitors from Martin, Brevard and Space Coast counties; and
- WHEREAS,** the current members have continued serving and contributing to the Fort Pierce community including assisting Treasure Coast Youth Sailing Foundation, Main Street Fort Pierce, the Garden Club, Harbor Branch, Treasure Coast Waterway Clean Up, and SHIP; and
- WHEREAS,** the Fort Pierce Yacht Club maintains and provides facilities for community events and activities including the monthly Coffee with the Mayor program, Third Thursday Eco Evenings, and hosts non-profit organizational meetings and celebrations; and
- WHEREAS,** the Fort Pierce Yacht Club supports the future of Fort Pierce by sponsoring scholarships for students passionate about environmental related oceanographic and marine studies through its annual Charity On the Water Poker Run, and as a supporter of Rivers Coalition; and
- WHEREAS,** the members have long been committed to providing boater and water safety educational courses to residents and visitors of the Treasure Coast; and
- WHEREAS,** the Fort Pierce Yacht Club raises and distributes funds to a plethora of other nonprofit community-oriented organizations including the Aaron's Project, the Boys and Girls Clubs of St. Lucie County, Stars over St Lucie, Fort Pierce Jazz and Blues Society, PATCHES, FAU Harbor Branch Oceanographic Institute, Avenue D Boys and Girls Choir, Police Athletic League, the Food Bank, Family Meals, Inc., Oak Hammock School, Mustard Seed Missionaries, Sara's Kitchen, and Adam's Place; and
- WHEREAS,** the Fort Pierce Yacht Club remains a strong, positive influence on the community, a goodwill ambassador on behalf of the community and the entire Treasure Coast, and an ardent promoter of outdoor and water-related activities available year-round in the Sunrise City;

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Linda Hudson, Mayor of the City of Fort Pierce, do hereby proclaim the month of July, as,

## ***Celebrate Our Waterways Month***

in the City of Fort Pierce and encourage residents to join the Fort Pierce Yacht Club in celebrating the treasure of our waterways and ocean as our closest neighbors and giving back to the Fort Pierce community in meaningful ways, including by participating in the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Boat Parade and BBQ, July 7<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> raft ups at Wesley Island, sailboat race on July 14<sup>th</sup>, kayaking July 20<sup>th</sup>, and other charitable and community events hosted by the organization throughout the year.

**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 July, 2019.

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**MAYOR/COMMISSIONER**