

**WHEREAS,** the U.S. Census is mandated by the United States Constitution every ten years; and

**WHEREAS,** census data guides local decision makers in important community planning efforts, including locations for schools, roads, hospitals, child-care and senior citizen centers etcetera; and

**WHEREAS,** census data helps determine how many seats each state will have in the U.S. House of Representatives and is necessary for an accurate and fair redistricting of state legislative seats, county and city councils and voting districts; and

**WHEREAS,** more than \$675 billion in federal funds is awarded annually to states and communities based on census data; and

**WHEREAS,** community planners and governments rely on census data to determine where there is the most need for additional social services and who gets needed funding, such as community development block grants; and

**WHEREAS,** the 2020 Census will create hundreds of thousands of temporary jobs across the nation.

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Linda Hudson, Mayor of the City of Fort Pierce, Florida, do hereby proclaim November 4, 2019 as:

### ***Census 2020 Awareness Day***

and encourage all residents to participate. The City of Fort Pierce is committed to partnering with the U.S. Census Bureau and will support the goals and ideals for the 2020 Census. We will support census takers as they help our City complete an accurate count.

**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 4<sup>th</sup> day of November 2019.

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**MAYOR/COMMISSIONER**