

WHEREAS, Scott Van Duzer and the Van Duzer Foundation contribute endlessly and generously to the community through volunteering, fundraisers, food drives, special events, and blood drives; and

WHEREAS, the contributions of Big Apple Pizza and the Van Duzer Foundation have positively impacted the community and its residents and visitors, and has won many philanthropic awards for his charitable events; and

WHEREAS, the Van Duzer Foundation contributes to the Fort Pierce Community primarily through events at Big Apple Pizza, owned and operated by Scott Van Duzer; and

WHEREAS, Big Apple Pizza in Fort Pierce, Florida is the longest-running pizza establishment in the City's history, having opened in March, 1983, initially in the Orange Blossom Mall and now at the 2311 South 35th Street location; and

WHEREAS, Pizza is one of the world's most universally-loved foods, with over five billion pizzas being sold every year worldwide; it is estimated that 93 percent of Americans eat at least one pizza per month and United States residents are estimated to eat approximately 6,000 slices of pizza over the course of a lifetime; and

WHEREAS, the month of February is traditionally a time to show love and appreciation to others.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Linda Hudson, Mayor of the City of Fort Pierce, Florida, do hereby proclaim February 2020 as:

Love Pizza Month

in Fort Pierce and encourage the consumption of pizza and volunteerism.

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 18th day of February, 2020.

MAYOR/COMMISSIONER