

**WHEREAS,** Fort Pierce has experienced severe weather in the past in the form of extreme rainfall or tropical system events resulting in flooding in both coastal and riverine areas. This flooding has caused damage and flood losses to homes and buildings in all areas whether they are high-risk special flood hazard areas or low to moderate risk flood zones; and

**WHEREAS,** the City of Fort Pierce is a voluntary participant in the National Flood Insurance Program that provides residents with the opportunity to protect themselves against flood loss through the purchase of flood insurance at reduced insurance premium rates as well as setting higher regulatory standards to reduce the flood risk and potential flood damage to their property; and

**WHEREAS,** the reduction of loss of life and property damage can be achieved when appropriate flood preparedness, control, and mitigation measures are taken before a flood; and

**WHEREAS,** public education and awareness of potential weather hazards and methods of protection are critical to the health, safety and welfare of residents. The Florida Floodplain Managers Association (FFMA), has declared the week of March 9-13, 2020 as Flood Awareness Week to promote awareness and increase knowledge of flood risk, the availability of flood insurance, flood protection methods, and how to prepare for emergencies.

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Linda Hudson, Mayor of the City of Fort Pierce, Florida, do hereby proclaim March 9-13, 2020 as:

## ***Flood Awareness Week***

in the City of Fort Pierce and encourage the citizens of Fort Pierce to increase their knowledge of how to protect themselves and their property from flooding.

**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 2<sup>nd</sup> day of March, 2020.

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**MAYOR/COMMISSIONER**