

WHEREAS, September is National Suicide Prevention Awareness Month, which directs the community’s attention to this public health epidemic destroying lives, whole families and sometimes entire communities; and

WHEREAS, suicide is the second leading cause of death in the U.S. among individuals age 10 to 34 years old; and

WHEREAS, suicide is the tenth leading cause of death overall in the U.S., claiming the lives of over 47,000 people; and

WHEREAS, on average, there are 123 suicides a day or 1 every 12 minutes, and, in St. Lucie County, there were 57 suicides in 2019 or 1 death every 6.4 days; and

WHEREAS, suicide is the only type of death that is 100% preventable; and by offering the public education, data, support, and services we as a community have taken a step toward preventing another suicide by our residents; and,

WHEREAS, we are honored to be part of the healing process, supporting services addressing mental health illnesses and drug and alcohol addiction.

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

“Suicide Prevention Awareness Month”

in the City of Fort Pierce and urge our residents to learn how they may help because Suicide Prevention is everyone’s business.

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 8th day of September 2020.

MAYOR/COMMISSIONER