

**WHEREAS,** in 1872, J. Sterling Morton proposed to the Nebraska Board of Agriculture that a special day be set aside for the planting of trees; and

**WHEREAS,** the holiday called Arbor Day was first observed with the planting of more than a million trees in Nebraska and is now observed throughout the nation and world; and

**WHEREAS,** trees can reduce the erosion of our precious topsoil by wind and water, cut heating and cooling costs, moderate the temperature, clean the air, produce oxygen and provide habitat for wildlife; and

**WHEREAS,** trees are a renewable resource giving us paper, wood for our homes, fuel for our fires and countless other wood products; and

**WHEREAS,** trees in our City increase property values, enhance the economic vitality of business areas, and beautify our community; and

**WHEREAS,** trees, wherever they are planted, are a source of joy and spiritual renewal, and

**WHEREAS,** the City of Fort Pierce will be receiving the Tree City Award for the 32<sup>nd</sup> consecutive year.

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Linda Hudson, Mayor of the City of Fort Pierce, Florida, do hereby proclaim March 13, 2021, as:

## **ARBOR DAY**

in the City of Fort Pierce and urge all citizens to celebrate Arbor Day and to support efforts to protect our trees and woodlands; and further urge all citizens to plant trees to gladden the heart and promote the well-being of this and future generations.

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 16<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2021.

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**MAYOR/COMMISSIONER**