

WHEREAS, education is the key to equal opportunity and good fortune; and

WHEREAS, Carter G Woodson was the father of what we now celebrate as Black History Month and a believer in education of black people to deliver them into a better life; and

WHEREAS, countless educators, teachers, community leaders, and everyday people take pride in recognition of academic excellence; and

WHEREAS, our nation has been ravaged by an unprecedented virus that has hampered the traditional school learning process, cast students into challenging learning environments exasperated by a digital divide and shortage of safe and encouraging learning environments, which resulted in a disruption of the recognition and celebration of academic excellence; and

WHEREAS, in a time when resources to foster academic performance are scarce in the Lincoln Park community; and

WHEREAS, Pastor Hazel Hoylman, the Founder of In the Image of Christ and Youth for Change instead of sitting idly by and blaming the virus, the school system, or the students for not adjusting and performing academically stepped up to provide a solution for student learning impacted by the corona virus, recognizing the digital divide and the disruption of recognition and celebration of academic excellence; and

WHEREAS, the success of her entire organizational efforts has resulted in achieving a record number of students making the principals list, honor roll(s) and high standard academic achievement, some for the very first time, illustrating once again that it is the actions of everyday people that result in extraordinary outcomes for our community.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Linda Hudson, Mayor of the City of Fort Pierce along with the entire City Commission proclaim and recognize this 16th day of Black History Month in honor of:

Pastor Hazel Hoylman

a Community Education Achievement Provider who helped bridge the digital divide, thereby reducing any academic achievement gap for the youth in the Lincoln Park Community of Ft Pierce.

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 16th day of February, 2021.

MAYOR/COMMISSIONER