

WHEREAS, April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month and calls attention to the fact that sexual violence is a widespread public health problem; and

WHEREAS, every day, too many women, men, and children across Florida suffer the pain and trauma of sexual assault in all its forms; and

WHEREAS, during National Sexual Assault Awareness Month, we recommit ourselves to lifting the veil of secrecy and shame surrounding sexual violence, expanding support, and understanding for survivors, and strengthening our response; and

WHEREAS, at every level we must work to provide necessary resources to survivors of sexual assault, without judgment and with dignity, including medical attention, mental health services, relocation and housing assistance, and advocacy during the criminal justice process.

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

Sexual Assault Awareness Month

in Fort Pierce Florida. Further, the commission encourages all residents, law enforcement agencies, health care providers, and community and private organizations to support survivors of sexual assault and to work together to prevent these crimes in our community.

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 5th day of April, 2021.

MAYOR/COMMISSIONER