

**WHEREAS,** Breast Cancer Awareness Month began in 1985 as a partnership between the American Cancer Society and Imperial Chemical Industries Pharmaceuticals (AstraZeneca), and breast cancer is one of the most commonly diagnosed cancers among women; and

**WHEREAS,** many organizations, including the American Cancer Society and Susan G. Komen for a Cure, hold community events promoting awareness and make contributions to raise funds for research providing progress in how breast cancer is diagnosed and treated; and

**WHEREAS,** in 2021, more than 281,550 new cases of breast cancer are expected to be diagnosed. Increased breast cancer screening increases early detection, reduces death, increases life expectancy, decreases late-stage cancer diagnoses, and increases five-year survival rates; and

**WHEREAS,** Making Strides Against Cancer is a fundraising organization started by the American Cancer Society and comprises the largest network of breast cancer events in the United States. They host walking events to raise money for research as well as providing patient services like free rides to chemo, free places to stay near treatment, and a live 24/7 cancer helpline; and

**WHEREAS,** the Treasure Coast chapter of Making Strides Against Cancer will be hosting a walking event on Saturday, October 23 at 8:00 a.m. at Tradition Square in Port St Lucie. You can sign up for the walk or you can also contact the organization at (772) 205-3990.

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

### ***Breast Cancer Awareness Month***

in the City of Fort Pierce and encourage our citizens, government agencies, private business, nonprofit organizations, and other interested groups to join in activities that will increase awareness of what Americans can do to prevent and control breast cancer and pay tribute to those who have lost their lives to this disease.

**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 18<sup>th</sup> day of October 2021.

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**MAYOR/COMMISSIONER**