



CITY OF FORT PIERCE, FLORIDA

PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS,** 211 helpline and crisis line continues to be that beacon of hope providing life-saving crisis support and guidance when people are overwhelmed and don't know where to turn; and

**WHEREAS,** during these challenging times that include pandemic impact and economic instability and recent hurricanes, 211's caring and highly trained staff have been the frontline responders 24/7 through it all; and

**WHEREAS,** people of all ages and walks of life are reaching out for their growing struggles with mental and emotional health, addiction, housing, health and other concerns, 211 staff listen to each and every person to provided available resource options and to help them strategize and problem solve; and

**WHEREAS,** 211 also has specialized advocacy and programs for the community that include Caregiver Support, Help Me Grow and 211's life-saving "Sunshine" daily phone calls which continue to brighten the live of isolated seniors and caregivers; and

**WHEREAS,** 211 also responds to the 988 Lifeline number and support lines that include First Responders and MYFLVET for veterans with peer-to-peer support providing assistance to these specialized groups and their families.

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

**211 AWARENESS WEEK/MONTH**

in the City of Fort Pierce and urge all citizens to be aware that if they are overwhelmed and in crisis or just need to talk..211 is available any time of day or nights. 211 staff can also provide referrals for Mental Health Counseling, Substance Abuse, Health Care, Employment, Food Assistance, Day Care, Support Groups, Volunteering, VITA free income tax preparation and so much more...

**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 6<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2023.

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**MAYOR/COMMISSIONER**

