



CITY OF FORT PIERCE, FLORIDA

PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS,** City of Fort Pierce would like to recognize the month of September as National Childhood Cancer Awareness Month to honor those children whose lives have been irrevocably impacted by this terrible illness, and to strengthen the nation search for a cure; and

**WHEREAS,** each year tens of thousands of children face the battle of cancer with incredible bravery and inspiring hope; and

**WHEREAS,** while progress against some childhood cancer has been made, cure rate for many forms of Childhood Cancer remain less than 50% with the incidence of Childhood Cancers increasing at a more rapid rate than any other groups; and Gardeners work to preserve our country's traditional spirit of independence and initiative through innovation and hard work; and

**WHEREAS,** this disease not only affects the child diagnosed with cancer, but also their entire support network of devoted parents, loved ones and friends; and

**WHEREAS,** the City of Fort Pierce recognizes the devastating impact that this disease has on members of our community and the importance of increased research on Childhood Cancer; and

**WHEREAS,** this month we recognize that these burdens are shared by countless dedicated healthcare professionals, organizations, charities, and parent advocacy groups which support patients and families by offering advice, encouragement, hope and financial assistance, and work tirelessly to lift the spirits of children suffering from cancer.

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

***CHILDHOOD CANCER AWARENESS MONTH***

in the City of Fort Pierce and encourage our citizens to join with their communities to support cancer patients, survivors, their families, and caregivers; to remember the lives of those we have lost; and encourage those who are working to improve survival rates and treatments.

**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 5<sup>th</sup> day of September 2023.

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**MAYOR/COMMISSIONER**

