



CITY OF FORT PIERCE, FLORIDA



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, October 2023 marks the 78th anniversary of National Disability Employment Awareness Month; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of National Disability Employment Awareness Month is to educate the public about disability employment issues and celebrate the many and varied contributions of America’s workers with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, the history of National Disability Employment Awareness Month dates to 1945 when Congress enacted a law declaring the first week in October each year “National Employ the Physically Handicapped Week”; and

WHEREAS, in 1962, the word “physically” was removed to acknowledge the employment needs and contributions of individuals with all types of disabilities; and

WHEREAS, in 1988, Congress expanded the week to a month and changed the name to National Disability Employment Awareness Month; and

WHEREAS, workplaces welcoming of the talents of all people, including people with disabilities, are a critical part of efforts to build an inclusive community and strong economy; and

WHEREAS, Helping People Succeed is wholly committed to maximizing employment opportunities for individuals with disabilities through education, training, collaboration, and awareness; and

WHEREAS, activities during this month will reinforce the value and talent people with disabilities add to our workplaces and communities and affirm the City of Fort Pierces’ commitment to an inclusive community that increases access and opportunities to all, including individuals with disabilities.

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

National Disability Employment Awareness Month

in the City of Fort Pierce and urge all citizens to recognize this month by bringing together businesses and partners to break down the barriers faced by individuals with disabilities who are working or seeking employment and dedicating ourselves to the task of improving the quality of life for all children and families.

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 October 2023.

MAYOR/COMMISSIONER





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