

WHEREAS, Lupus an unpredictable and misunderstood autoimmune disease that can result in damage to any system in the body, can cause debilitating lifelong illness and in some cases, result in death;

WHEREAS, more than five million people worldwide suffer the devastating effects of this cruel and mysterious disease, and each year, over a hundred thousand young women, men, and children around the world are newly diagnosed with lupus, the great majority of whom are women between the ages of 15-44; and

WHEREAS, medical research efforts into lupus and the discovery of safer, more effective treatments for lupus patients are under-funded in comparison with diseases of comparable magnitude and severity; and

WHEREAS, many physicians worldwide are unaware of the symptoms and health effects of lupus, causing people with lupus to suffer for many years before they obtain a correct diagnosis and medical treatment; and

WHEREAS, there is a deep, unmet need worldwide to educate and support individuals and families affected by lupus; and

WHEREAS, there is an urgent need to increase awareness in communities worldwide of the debilitating impact of lupus and to recognize lupus as a significant public health issue.

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

Lupus Awareness Month

in the City of Fort Pierce and call for increases in public and private sector funding for medical research, targeted education programs for health professionals, patients, and the public, and recognition of lupus as a significant public health issue.

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 12th day of May 2025.

MAYOR/COMMISSIONER