



CITY OF FORT PIERCE, FLORIDA

PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, Medicare’s first proven coordinated care model, hospice, is a program that works by offering person-centered, compassionate care, ensuring people dignity, choice, and quality of life; and

**WHEREAS**, the hospice model involves an interdisciplinary, team-oriented approach to treatment, including expert medical care, quality symptom control, and comprehensive pain management as a foundation of care; and

**WHEREAS**, beyond providing physical treatment, hospice attends to the patient’s emotional, spiritual and family needs, and provides family services like respite care and grief counseling; and

**WHEREAS**, hospice and palliative care organizations are advocates and educators about advance care planning that help individuals make decisions about the care they want; and

**WHEREAS**, forty-three years ago in 1982, volunteers came together to establish Treasure Coast Hospice because they wanted their family, friends and neighbors to have access to compassionate, quality end-of-life care from a locally based hospice provider; and

**WHEREAS**, Treasure Coast Hospice delivers compassionate, caring, experts and professional Hospice and Grief Support Services to patients and families at the end of life; and

**WHEREAS**, today Treasure Coast Hospice serves more than 4,000 patients annually, providing holistic patient-centered care and comfort to patients and families in Martin, St. Lucie and Okeechobee counties; and

**WHEREAS**, this year, Treasure Coast Hospice celebrated the 11<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of its specialized pediatric care program, Little Treasures, which improves the quality of life of children and teens with a life-limiting illness by providing support for the entire family.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Linda Hudson, Mayor of the City of Fort Pierce, Florida, do hereby proclaim the month of November 2025, to be observed as:

***Hospice and Palliative Care Month***

in the City of Fort Pierce and encourage our residents to learn more about hospice and palliative care and to also commend the Treasure Coast Hospice Team for their service to the people of our community.

**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 10<sup>th</sup> day of November 2025.

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**MAYOR/COMMISSIONER**

