



CITY OF FORT PIERCE, FLORIDA



PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS,** mental health is an integral component of overall well-being, impacting individuals, families, and communities across St. Lucie County;

**WHEREAS,** despite its prevalence, mental health remains shrouded in stigma, preventing many from seeking help;

**WHEREAS,** early interventions and access to quality care are crucial for managing mental health conditions and are vital to creating a more compassionate, healthier, and thriving St. Lucie County.

**WHEREAS,** collaboration among local organizations, healthcare providers, and community leaders is essential to ensuring accessible and effective mental health resources for all residents;

**WHEREAS,** May is recognized nationally as Mental Health Awareness Month, providing an opportunity to raise awareness, combat stigma, and promote mental health resources;

**WHEREAS,** Mental Health Awareness Month encourages community members to wear green ribbons and participate in educational activities to show support, raise awareness, and promote mental health and well-being;

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Linda Hudson, Mayor of the City of Fort Pierce, Florida, do hereby proclaim May 2026 as:

***Mental Health Awareness Month***

in the City of Fort Pierce and encourage all citizens to empower individuals to seek help and prioritize self-care, advocate for accessible mental health services, and educate themselves and others about mental health conditions, treatment options, and resources.

**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 13<sup>th</sup> day of April 2026.

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**MAYOR/COMMISSIONER**

