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WHEREAS, the waterways of Fort Pierce and St. Lucie County are central to our community's history, economy, recreation, and distinctive coastal character; and

WHEREAS, the annual St. Lucie County Christmas Boat Parades bring residents and visitors together to celebrate the holiday season through decorated vessels, waterfront festivities, and a shared appreciation for our maritime heritage; and

WHEREAS, the Christmas Boat Parades showcase the creativity and community spirit of participating boat owners, captains, crews, volunteers, sponsors, public-safety agencies, and waterfront organizations; and

WHEREAS, these celebrations generate activity for local marine businesses, restaurants, retailers, and other establishments while promoting Fort Pierce and St. Lucie County as outstanding boating and waterfront destinations; and

WHEREAS, the Marine Industries Association of the Treasure Coast works with community partners such as the Fort Pierce Yacht Club to organize and promote the parades while supporting marine workforce readiness and the continued growth of the Treasure Coast's marine industry; and

WHEREAS, the safe and successful presentation of these events depends upon the cooperation of the City of Fort Pierce, local law-enforcement and public-safety agencies, participating marinas, community organizations, volunteers, sponsors, and the boating public; and

WHEREAS, the St. Lucie County Christmas Boat Parades have become cherished holiday traditions that unite families and neighbors along our waterfront and embody the generosity, fellowship, and festive spirit of our community.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Linda Hudson, Mayor of the City of Fort Pierce, Florida, do hereby proclaim December 12, 2026 as:

St. Lucie County Christmas Boat Parades Day

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in the City of Fort Pierce and encourage residents and visitors to enjoy these community celebrations, support participating boaters and local businesses, practice responsible boating and waterfront safety, and recognize the volunteers and community partners who make these treasured holiday traditions possible.

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 2nd day of November 2026.

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MAYOR/COMMISSIONER