



CITY OF FORT PIERCE, FLORIDA

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the Platts Backus House stands as one of Fort Pierce's most treasured historic landmarks, reflecting the architectural character, cultural & civic heritage, and enduring spirit of our community; and

WHEREAS, constructed in 1896, the Platts Backus House has reached the remarkable milestone of its 130th anniversary, serving for generations as a symbol of Fort Pierce's rich history and continued growth; and

WHEREAS, the home is closely associated with the pioneering families and cultural leaders who helped shape the development of Fort Pierce and the Treasure Coast during Florida's formative years; and

WHEREAS, throughout its long and storied history, the Platts Backus House has served not only as a private residence, but also as a church, cafe and an art gallery, reflecting the evolving spirit, creativity, and community values of the City of Fort Pierce; and

WHEREAS, the Platts Backus House was purchased by Main Street Fort Pierce, Inc. in 2005, and a multi-year project to restore and preserve the home was undertaken with community support; and

WHEREAS, through preservation efforts and community stewardship, the Platts Backus House continues to educate residents and visitors about the cultural and historical significance of early Fort Pierce, inspiring appreciation for the city's heritage and architectural legacy; and

WHEREAS, historic preservation strengthens community identity, promotes civic pride, and ensures that future generations may experience and learn from the places that tell the story of our past; and

WHEREAS, the celebration of the 130th anniversary of the Platts Backus House provides an opportunity to recognize the individuals, organizations, historians, and preservation advocates whose dedication has helped safeguard this important landmark for the benefit of all.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Linda Hudson, Mayor of the City of Fort Pierce,





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Florida, do hereby issue this proclamation in honor of:

Platts Backus House's 130th Anniversary

in the City of Fort Pierce and encourage all residents to join in celebrating the enduring legacy, historical significance, artistic heritage, and continued preservation of this cherished community landmark.

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 18th day of May 2026.

MAYOR/COMMISSIONER

