



CITY OF FORT PIERCE, FLORIDA

PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS,** one hundred years ago, a group of dedicated individuals came together to form the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks Lodge (BPOE) Lodge #1520 in Fort Pierce to serve this community and be a place where veterans are honored, youth are supported, families are strengthened, and charity is lived, not spoken; and

**WHEREAS,** Lodge #1520 is recognized as a longstanding civic institution in Fort Pierce, establishing itself as a community hub, supporting veterans, and hosting civic gatherings and charitable events; and

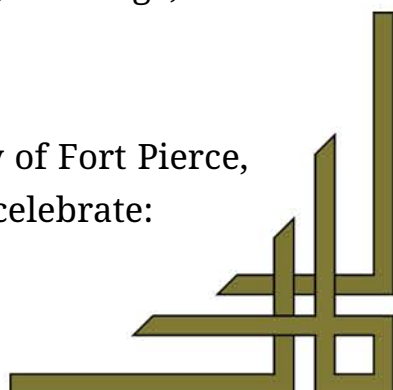

**WHEREAS,** through wars and peace, prosperity and hardship, changing times and changing generations, BPOE Lodge #1520 has fed the hungry, comforted the sick, supported our troops, and cared for our neighbors; and

**WHEREAS,** Fort Pierce Lodge #1520 recently renewed its focus on recruiting younger members; supporting youth scholarships, conducting charity drives, while continuing its history of ritual, service and community involvement and its emphasis on supporting local veterans and youth; and

**WHEREAS,** Fort Pierce Lodge #1520 introduced a modern era of service to veterans with its nationally recognized Operation Desert Elk, sending care packages to deployed troops in Iraq and Afghanistan; supporting hospitalized veterans at the West Palm Beach VA, and adopting veterans in nursing homes, providing meals, cards, and visits; and

**WHEREAS,** Fort Pierce Lodge #1520 is celebrating its Centennial by committing ourselves anew to their principles: Charity, in supporting our community; Justice, by acting with fairness and integrity; Brotherly Love, by lifting one another up; and Fidelity, by remaining true to our oath, our lodge, and our mission.

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Linda Hudson, Mayor of the City of Fort Pierce, Florida, do hereby issue this proclamation to recognize and celebrate:





CITY OF FORT PIERCE, FLORIDA

# PROCLAMATION

***BPOE Lodge #1520's 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary***

in the City of Fort Pierce and encourage all citizens to join in recognizing and celebrating BPOE Lodge #1520 as a civic anchor of our community and look to its next 100 years of service, fellowship and 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 6<sup>th</sup> day of July 2026.

---

**MAYOR/COMMISSIONER**

