



CITY OF FORT PIERCE, FLORIDA

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, mangroves are a keystone species and an iconic feature of Florida’s coastal ecosystem; and

WHEREAS, mangroves provide critical habitat for native Florida wildlife; and

WHEREAS, mangroves provide coastal protection services by acting as natural barriers during extreme weather events, safeguarding private and public lands; and

WHEREAS, root systems of mangroves can trap sediments and pollutants, absorb excess nutrients, and filter heavy metals and wastewater before they make their way into the Indian River Lagoon; and

WHEREAS, Florida’s mangrove population has declined to a fraction of its historic levels because of deforestation, development pressures, and severe weather impacts; and

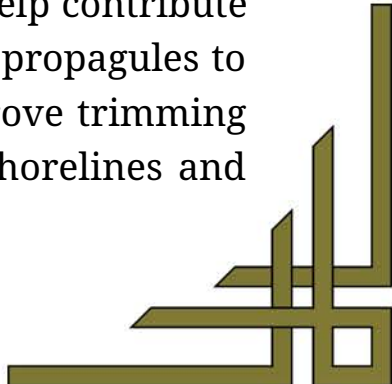
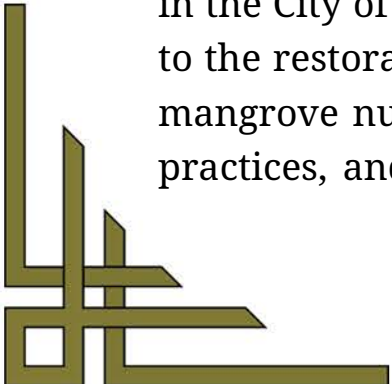
WHEREAS, many residents of Florida and the Indian River Lagoon Region may not understand the ecosystem and economic value that mangroves provide to their community; and

WHEREAS, communicating the importance of mangroves and their valuable contribution to Florida’s way of life can encourage public awareness of an iconic species.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Linda Hudson, Mayor of the City of Fort Pierce, Florida, do hereby proclaim July 26, 2026 as:

Mangrove Day

in the City of Fort Pierce and encourage all citizens to help contribute to the restoration of mangrove ecosystems by donating propagules to mangrove nurseries, undertaking safe and legal mangrove trimming practices, and even installing mangroves along their shorelines and





CITY OF FORT PIERCE, FLORIDA

PROCLAMATION

thus further compounding the ecosystem services and economic benefits to the state of Florida.

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 6th day of July 2026.

MAYOR/COMMISSIONER

