

Proclamation

WHEREAS, the U.S. Surgeon General has said that smoking remains the single most preventable cause of premature death in our society; and

WHEREAS, each year smoking accounts for 438,000 premature deaths in the U.S. and 38,000 non-smokers die as a result of exposure to second-hand smoke; and

WHEREAS, smoking and related illnesses also account for 20% of all sick days taken by employees nationwide; and

WHEREAS, for 30 years millions of smokers have participated in the American Cancer Society's Great American Smoke-Out, a day in which they give up cigarettes for 24 hours, in the hope they may quit permanently; and

WHEREAS, a significant number of those who gave up cigarettes for the day were able to give up the habit entirely; and

WHEREAS, the demonstration of success suggests that the Great American Smoke-Out has potential for improving the health of citizens in Port St. Lucie.

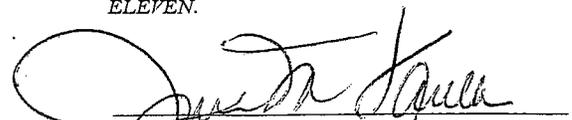
NOW, THEREFORE, I, JoAnn M. Faiella, Mayor of the City of Port St. Lucie, Florida, do hereby proclaim that November 17, 2011, be observed as:

THE GREAT AMERICAN SMOKE-OUT DAY

and encourage the City of Port St. Lucie employees and citizens to give up smoking today.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I HAVE HEREUNTO
SET MY HAND AND CAUSED THE OFFICIAL
SEAL OF THE CITY OF PORT ST. LUCIE,
FLORIDA, TO BE AFFIXED, THIS
FOURTEENTH DAY OF NOVEMBER, IN THE
YEAR OF OUR LORD, TWO THOUSAND AND
ELEVEN.


JoAnn M. Faiella, Mayor

Karen A. Phillips, City Clerk