

# PROCLAMATION

*WHEREAS, in 1879, Captain Thomas Richards planted the area's first pineapples, grown from cuttings he transported from Key West. The plants thrived in the sandy, well-drained soil and dozens of plantations appeared along the Atlantic Ridge; and*

*WHEREAS, during the Second Seminole War (1835-1842), Lt. Colonel Benjamin Pierce first used the term 'savannah' to describe a series of ponds and marshes found here. Encompassing more than 5,400 acres and stretching more than ten miles from Ft. Pierce to Jensen Beach, Savannas Preserve State Park contains the largest, most ecologically intact stretch of freshwater marsh in Southeast Florida; and*

*WHEREAS, Savannas Preserve State Park in Port St. Lucie was Captain Thomas Richards' pineapple plantation in the 1800's. Stories from the plantation can be found in the book Memories of Eden, a collection of letters written by Captain Richards' daughter Lucie; and*

*WHEREAS, in 2008 the Savannas Preserve State Park hosted the first annual Miss Lucie's Old Fashioned Pioneer Day to commemorate Port St. Lucie's pioneer history. In 2012 the fifth annual Miss Lucie's Old Fashioned Pioneer Day will be held, based on the book Memories of Eden. This year there will also be a U.S. history fair for students from preschool to high school; and*

*WHEREAS, Miss Lucie's Old Fashioned Pioneer Day provides enjoyment and thought-provoking activities that teach about our area's history, including reenactments, storytelling, games, and much more.*

*NOW, THEREFORE, I, JoAnn M. Faiella, Mayor of the City of Port St. Lucie, do proclaim that the month of January 2012 be observed as:*

## *Port St. Lucie Pioneer History Month*

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 TWELFTH DAY OF DECEMBER, IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD, TWO THOUSAND AND ELEVEN.

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*JoAnn M. Faiella, Mayor*

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*Karen A. Phillips, City Clerk*

CITY OF PORT ST. LUCIE

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AGENDA ITEM REQUEST FORM  
CITY OF PORT ST. LUCIE CITY COUNCIL

PLEASE RETURN THE COMPLETED FORM TO:

CITY OF PORT ST. LUCIE  
CITY CLERK'S OFFICE  
121 SW PORT ST. LUCIE BOULEVARD  
PORT ST. LUCIE, FLORIDA 34984

NAME: Zoe R. Barbeau, CLOVER 4-H Club, Vice President

ADDRESS: 2657 SE Gowin Drive Port St. Lucie FL 34952

CONTACT NUMBER: (772) 337- 3648

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REFERRED TO FOR ACTION:		
DEPARTMENT	DATE	INITIAL REC'D
MAYOR	12/7/11	<i>[Signature]</i>
COUNCIL MEMBER		
DEPARTMENT: CONTACT:		
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Please state the item you wish to have placed on the City Council Agenda.

**Port Saint Lucie Pioneer History Month Proclamation Request**

Please state what Councilmember(s) or department(s), if any, you have worked with thus far.

**City Clerk's Office**

Please state the desired action by the City Council.

**Proclaim January as Port St. Lucie Pioneer History Month**

Please summarize pertinent information concerning your request and attach applicable documents.

The CLOVER 4-H Club and the Friends of the Savannas Preserve State Park sponsor the annual Miss Lucie's Old Fashioned Pioneer Day at the Savannas Education Center on Walton Road. This year, the 5<sup>th</sup> Pioneer Day will be January 21<sup>th</sup>. Pioneer Day is based on *Memories of Eden*, a collection of letters written by Lucie Richards, daughter of Captain Thomas Richards. Captain Richards planted the area's first pineapples in 1879. This family friendly community event celebrates our pioneer heritage with old fashioned games, chores, and interactive activities. This year there will be a U.S. history fair for students from preschool to high school. Attached are the Port St. Lucie Pioneer History Month Proclamation and the flyer for Miss Lucie's Old Fashioned Pioneer Day.

Signed by: Zoe R. Barbeau

Date: 12/6/11

**Final determination:**

To be scheduled for Council consideration at the meeting of: December 12<sup>th</sup>, 2011

Your Agenda item for a future Port St. Lucie City Council Meeting will be referred to the Mayor for comment and to pertinent departments and/or advisory boards. Note: Please advise the City Clerk if you will need more than the allotted five (5) minutes to make your presentation. If so, please indicate why an extension is needed and how much additional time is desired.

Friends of Savannas Preserve State Park present

Miss Lucie's Old-Fashioned

# Pioneer Day

Saturday, January 21

10:00 am - 3:00 pm

\$2/person or \$10/family



☞ Re-enactments

☞ Historians

☞ Folk Music

☞ Food

☞ Old-fashioned Games

☞ Storytelling

☞ And Much More!

Savannas

Preserve

State Park

2541 Walton Road, Port St. Lucie

772-398-2779

