

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, in 1974 the President and Congress designated National Volunteer Week to occur annually in April as the official time to recognize and celebrate the efforts of volunteers at the local, state and national levels; and

WHEREAS, volunteerism strengthens communities, improves vital social concerns and enhances the overall quality of life for all citizens, including children, seniors, those who are disabled, impoverished, imprisoned, homeless, physically or mentally ill, or otherwise in need of assistance; and

WHEREAS, Florida cannot look to government alone to solve all of its societal problems; and

WHEREAS, volunteering can provide life-changing experiences and bring about positive inner changes, such as increased self confidence, self satisfaction and physical wellbeing, opportunities to network and to gain new skills and abilities; and

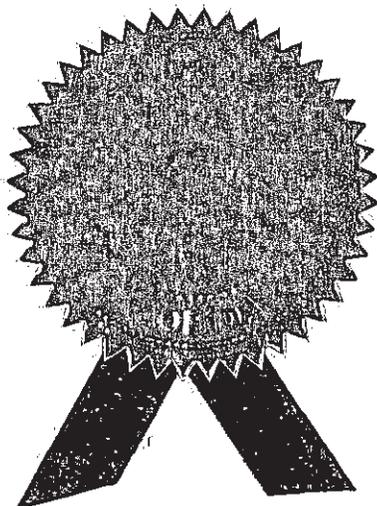
WHEREAS, volunteerism has been shown to have a positive influence on businesses by increasing employee morale, loyalty, teamwork, and building goodwill; and

WHEREAS, volunteer centers, nonprofits, charities, faith-based groups, schools and national service programs in the City of Port St. Lucie have joined together with state and local governments in celebration and praise of volunteers who have given tirelessly and selflessly to the service of others.

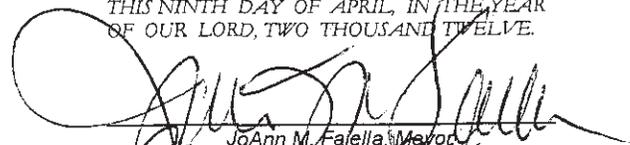
NOW, THEREFORE, I, JoAnn M. Faiella, Mayor of the City of Port St. Lucie, Florida, do hereby proclaim that April 2012 be observed as:

FLORIDA VOLUNTEER MONTH

and call upon the citizens in the City of Port St. Lucie, Florida to promote the spirit of volunteerism, and to observe the month with appropriate activities, programs, and ceremonies supporting the theme "Viva Volunteers!"



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I HAVE HERE
UNTO SET MY HAND AND CAUSED THE
OFFICIAL SEAL OF THE CITY OF PORT
ST. LUCIE, FLORIDA, TO BE AFFIXED,
THIS NINTH DAY OF APRIL, IN THE YEAR
OF OUR LORD, TWO THOUSAND TWELVE.


JoAnn M. Faiella, Mayor

Carol M. Heintz, Assistant City Clerk