

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 United States, and 38,000 non-smokers die as a result of exposure to secondhand smoke. Smoking and related illnesses account for 20% of all sick days taken by employees nationwide; and

WHEREAS, for over 30 years millions of smokers have participated in the American Cancer Society's Great American Smoke-Out Day, a day on 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. This demonstration of success suggests that the Great American Smoke-Out has potential for improving the health of the citizens of St. Lucie County.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JoAnn M. Faiella, Mayor of the City of Port St. Lucie, Florida, do proclaim that November 15, 2012, be observed as:

Great American Smoke-Out Day

and encourage the citizens of Port St. Lucie 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 THIRTEENTH DAY OF NOVEMBER, IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD, TWO THOUSAND AND TWELVE.

JoAnn M. Faiella, Mayor

Karen A. Phillips, City Clerk

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